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Marianas monument under review

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The Marianas Trench Marine National Monument is among the 27 monuments in various states and territories that are up for review.

In a list released last Friday, the U.S. Department of the Interior said that, at the instruction of President Donald Trump, it has begun reviewing areas that were designated as national monuments.

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Crowds unfazed by Taste's new venue

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» Emul wins hotdog-eating contest

The new venue of the 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden seemed to have worked in its favor, with a record-breaking number of people showing up for the first day of the festival at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Considered one of the most anticipated festivals in the CNMI, the Taste of the Marianas was uprooted from its usual venue at the American Memorial Park and had its inaugural run at the Garapan Fishing Base, with hordes of residents and tourists taking part in the celebration of the different food cultures on Saipan.

Last Saturday's Taste also

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MCS wins AG Cup for 18th time

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Mount Carmel School won the 33rd Annual Attorney General's Cup speech competition last Friday for the 18th time since the competition began in 1984, which was also won by a student of the same school.

The first ever winner of the AG's Cup speech competition was Norma Ada of Mount Carmel School back in 1984. The latest winner, Zeno Deleon Guerrero Jr., is also from

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Zeno Deleon Guerrero Jr., center, shakes the hand of Attorney General Edward Manibusan as Chief Justice Alexandro, left, holds the trophy while posing for a picture after the announcement of the Attorney General's Cup speech competition winners last Friday.

JON PEREZ

Luminaries light up the evening in commemoration of those who succumbed to cancer. The community remembered their loved ones and survivors of the dreaded disease in Friday's Marianas March Against Cancer at the Hopwood Middle School grounds.

MMAC raises grand total of $200,772

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A power outage was only a minor setback at the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer late Friday night and early Saturday morning at the Hopwood Middle School field.

Lightning struck a power pole at around 4:20am, causing a 45-minute power outage at the Marianas March Against Cancer event last Saturday.

Although there was no power, runners and supporters of the 2017 MMAC stuck around and continued their run. According to MMAC

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71-year-old Korean man who drowned was in knee-deep water, had lifejacket

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The 71-year-old Korean man who drowned at the beach of Kensington Hotel in San Roque on Thursday was wearing a life vest while swimming in knee-deep water, police said.

Acting Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Jason Tarkong said over the weekend that DPS received a call about the possible drowning incident at the beach of Kensington Hotel at 3:53pm.

Tarkong said investigation showed that the victim, identified as Kyoung Ju Kim, was with his family when he went swimming in the water that was only knee-deep and was wearing a life vest.

About a minute into the swim, Kim's 65-year-old wife noticed him face down in the water and not moving.

The 36-year-old son retrieved Kim from the ocean.

The victim was not breathing, prompting the hotel's lifeguards to apply cardiopulmonary resuscitation on him until Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived and took over.

The victim was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room, where a doctor pronounced him dead at 4:41pm.

In the Laolao Bay drowning on Thursday, Tarkong clarified over the weekend that the victim was 50 years old and not 60 as he had previously released.

Tarkong said the correct age of Norihiko Manabe was confirmed on Friday after obtaining confirmation from his identification document.

Tarkong said investigation showed that Manabe was last seen Thursday morning about 15 meters from the dive buoy channel marker.

The dive instructor was assisting the two other divers through the dive chute and looked back for Manabe, who was missing. The instructor informed the security guard at the beach of the missing diver.

The diver then called 911. Police responded at 12:29pm after receiving the call.

At 3:14pm, DFEMS Search and Rescue Unit personnel discovered the victim's body on the beach about 500 meters south of the dive spot.

Manabe was taken to CHC emergency room, where a doctor pronounced him dead at 6:48pm, according to Tarkong.

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CHC gets new nurse call system worth $.5M

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The Commonwealth Health Center's nurse call system—which was previously thumbed down by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services during a visit in 2014—has gotten a makeover.

"As one of the findings of CMS back in 2014, [the old nurse call system] was partially down," said Esther Muña, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer. "It is quite expensive, but [CHCC] decided that we needed it because one of the things we were worried about is what happens with the patients if they don't have access to nurses."

The new nurse call system costs CHCC about half-a-million dollars. It will help CHCC secure compliance with regulations.

Muña said the new nurse call system will add to the arsenal of CHCC staff in taking care of patients.

The $500,000 Westcom nurse call system is now installed all over the hospital except at the emergency room, where they are finishing installation. According to Warren Villagomez, CHCC director for Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program, the emergency room is expected to be fully equipped by the end of this week.

Jesse Sablan, an IT specialist at CHC, explains that the Westcom call system is smarter, more efficient, and compact. It connects all rooms to a single network that could notify nurses and doctors if a situation arises. The new system also allows a patient to interact with a physician by phone.

The old nurse call system was large, clunky, and unreliable and was unable to identify the urgency of the patient's call for assistance.

The new phone system also includes standard terminologies that make it easy for nurses to communicate with other nurses. For example, when a nurse announces code blue, that means the patient's life may be in danger. Code blue is only announced when a patient's heart has stopped beating, a patient stops breathing, or any other situation that requires immediate assistance to prevent the loss of life.

With the new nurse call system, patients need only to press one button to call for a nurse. Once a nurse has assessed the situation and believes that the patient may need assistance, the nurse may press the blue button for code blue, the green button for assistance, the red button for emergencies, or cancel the nurse call if the nurse handles the situation. An ambient light right outside the patient's room would light up—making the room impossible to miss—should a situation arise. While the light goes on to alert others in the area, a computer would be announcing to people at the counter of the ward that a certain room has called for assistance. Should a blue light be displayed, the system automatically contacts the operator, which in turn announces a code blue situation for a team of specialists to rush into the room.

"You have the physical movement of the nurse, you have the monitor to capture evidence of the nurse actions, and you have somebody looking at it to determine whether we need to make a call to direct further patient services needed," explained Villagomez.

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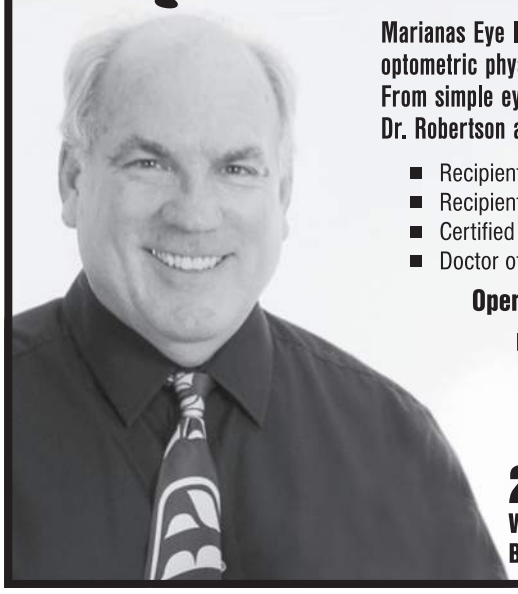

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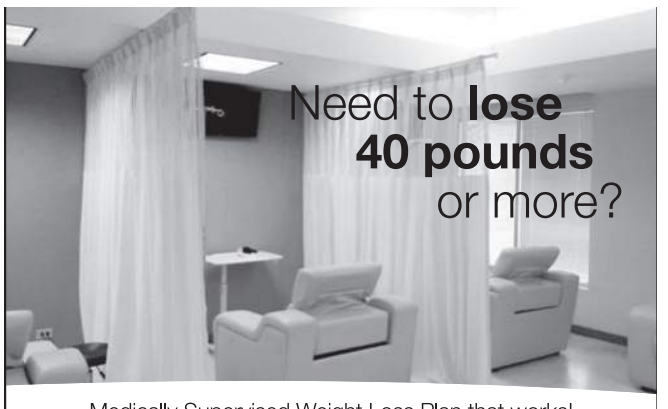

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featured a hotdog eating competition that was handily won by Raymond Emul.

Hosted by Docomo Pacific, the competition required contestants to eat five 10-inch hotdogs in buns within five minutes, a feat that was not only challenging but also well-attended. This year, there were 10 participants: Jeffrey Dela Cruz, Clayton Izuka, Samuel and Andre Dyck, Andrew Song Song, Mel Tenorio, Moses Buekis, Jonathan Kapileo, Michael Harris, and the eventual winner, Emul.

Emul is a regular contender in the hotdog-eating contest, winning his fifth hotdog-eating contest last Saturday. He brought home $50 worth of festival tokens and a brand new phone from Docomo Pacific.

"Just keep eating," said Emul, when asked how he pushed through the last remaining bites. Emul, like most of participants, tackled the contest by eating the buns first. During Emul's last stretch, the 5-minute mark was called, and Emul was the closest to finishing his plate.

According to Emul, this was his fifth win. "Last year I won third place," he said, before mentioning that he has won first place for four consecutive years before last year's third place. "I've been joining this competition to try and defend my title. Now, I want to buy my wife some food."

Buns were provided by Herman's Bakery while Triple J Wholesale provided the hotdogs. According to Docomo Pacific general manager and vice president Dino Manning, this was the first time Docomo sponsored the competition.

"It's fun. I hope we can continue to partner with Marianas Visitors Authority to partner with this kind of stuff," said Manning, hinting at a possible partnership with MVA in future events.

According to MVA managing director Chris Concepcion, the Taste of the Marianas was well received.

"We are very happy with the turnout—actually overwhelmed. This was a lot more people than expected," said Concepcion.

According to Concepcion, TOM is a launching event to celebrate May as Tourism Month in the CNMI.

"The community came out in full force to support Tourism Month and the TOM," he added.

The unusual venue did not seem to be a problem, said Concepcion. Unlike previous years, the TOM '17 was held at the Garapan Fishing Base as opposed to the usual American Memorial Park. According to Concepcion, the venue was still within the tourism district of Garapan and is an ideal substitute for American Memorial Park.

MVA was not able to secure a spot at the AMP due to permitting issues with the U.S. National Parks Service.

"After lengthy negotiations with NPS, in both Marianas and Guam, we decided to change the venue this year due to the many impediments we encountered with them. The Guam NPS office has not been too community friendly, which is unfortunate. Regardless, we must move forward, so we are happy with our new location for now until things begin to improve at AMP," said Concepcion.

Despite the misunderstanding, the TOM, according to Concepcion, was a great success as it was evident that the festival was a hit with tourists.

Next week, the TOM would be hosting the *kådun pika* contest, a spicy Chamorro chicken dish cookoff.

"The competition showcases a very famous local food in the Marianas, so we are going to have a cookoff and see who makes the best *kådun pika* in the CNMI," said Concepcion.

The following weekend showcases the barbecue ribs contest, a contest that showcases some of the best barbecue ribs recipes in the CNMI while the concluding weekend of the 2017 TOM would be the Chefs Competition that pits chefs from different hotels.

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President Trump signed Executive Order 13795 on April 28, instructing Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review national monuments that were created by past presidents using the Antiquities Act. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was among those who witnessed the EO's signing.

The Marianas Trench was declared a marine national monument under President George W. Bush in 2009.

Interior has opened a public comment period for citizens to submit their remarks. Interior would use all statements as information for them to decide on the designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act, or Public Law 59-209.

Public comments can be submitted online at http://www.regulations.gov after May 12 and must be submitted within 60 days.

The Marianas marine monument covers an area of 60,938240 acres or 95,216 square miles. Submerged lands and waters of the Marianas—the CNMI and Guam—are included in the three units of the national monument.

The waters and submerged lands of three of the CNMI's northernmost islands—Asuncion, Farallon de Pajaros or Uracas, and Maug—are included in the designated protected area, along with 21 volcanic sites, and the northern limit of the Commonwealth's exclusive economic zone to Guam's southern limit.

The Fish and Wildlife Service was designated in managing this marine monument, which is now being reviewed as stated in Trump's EO 13795.

The U.S. Department of Commerce, with the consultation of the Interior secretary, will lead the review of five marine monuments that were created from 2006 to the present.

The EO covers all national monuments designated or expanded under the Antiquities Act. The designation and expansion covers more than 100,000 square miles. Zinke is tasked to determine if the decision to create and expand these monuments was given enough public meetings and coordination.

The other marine monuments that are up for review are northeast canyons and seamounts, the Pacific Remote Islands, Papahanaumokuakea, and Rose Atoll.

A total of 21 national monuments are being initially reviewed pursuant to criteria in EO 13792.

The Katahadin Woods and Waters is being reviewed to determine whether the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

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Mount Carmel School.

Saipan International School's Shea Kennedy Hartig placed second, Marianas High School's Yukii Nishida placed third, and Grace Christian Academy's Yujin Lee placed fourth.

Additional awards included Rev. Ray Kinsella's participation in all AG's Cup competitions since 1984.

This year, participating schools included Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School, Mount Carmel High School, Saipan Southern High School, Grace Christian Academy, Saipan International School, Marianas Baptist Academy, Marianas High School, and Kagman High School.

Participants were expected to write and deliver a speech based on their point of view on the balance of power between the federal government and the CNMI, and whether the federal government has infringed on the sovereignty of the CNMI. To be specific, the competition required participants to take a stand on the management of natural resources for the benefit of the public and focus on whether local or federal control is the more effective approach.

Deleon Guerrero, a senior and student council officer at MCS, cited iconic people in his speech, such as Marshallese poet Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner and ancient Chamorro folklore's House of Taga.

"We must work through the challenges of federalism in order to protect our natural resources," said Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero was all for cooperating with the federal government for the betterment of the CNMI.

"Instead of arguing about power and authority over our natural resources, the federal government and our Commonwealth should share responsibility for those natural resources," said Deleon Guerrero.

He argued that cooperating with the federal government would enable the CNMI to achieve great feats which would otherwise be difficult or even impossible.

"Rather than dividing power or competing for jurisdiction, federal and local officials should collaborate to achieve shared goals that benefit everyone," he said.

Deleon Guerrero went on to point out that during Typhoon Soudelor, thanks to efforts by numerous federal and local agencies, the CNMI was able to get back on its feet.

"As a result of those efforts, in a few short months food and shelter were made available to all in need; basic utilities were restored and the islands began the steady path toward recovery," he said.

"That level of collaboration was a testament to what we can do together, especially in response to a crisis. And the crisis of our environment demands that same level of collaboration," he added.

According to Deleon Guerrero, both local and federal government had faults when it came to the environment, so instead of pointing fingers and fighting over power, he suggests a collaborative effort between the two for the benefit of the CNMI, an argument that may have won the judges over.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, assistant AG Lillian Tenorio, Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas, and lawyers Matthew Gregory, Gil Birnbirch, Rexford Kosack, and Matthew Pugh served as judges.

MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero said the AG's Cup serves as a good platform for insight of the younger generation on local issues.

"Every year the speeches get better—better research, better argumentation—and it is an honor to go up against really good speakers from other schools and best them," he said.

Manibusan believes the perspective of high school students on the issue may provide the government ideas on how to approach certain subjects.

"I hope that our elected leaders that listened take [some of their suggestions] with them and provide us with some things that we should do," said Manibusan.

"[Deleon Guerrero] suggested that we should be collaborative in our efforts as opposed to merely expanding one's power, and I think that is what we need to do," he added.

MMAC

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committee chair Carol Hosono and co-chair Bobby Cruz, they were thrilled to see how much spirit and commitment everyone had for the event.

Hundreds came out to show their support for the cause. A supporter aid she first joined the event nine years ago. She has not missed one since then. According to her, most of her peers join to come out and hang around, meet people. For her she comes to support the cause and to run in honor of her late grandfather who died of cancer.

"I know running won't bring back my grandpa but if I run, I support the cause and the cause is to help those who are fighting cancer. …I know my grandpa would have wanted me to do this," she said.

Government officials like Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres also came out to support the MMAC.

According to Torres, the event is very significant for him and the people of the CNMI. "Tonight we are all fighting for the same cause."

Apatang, who was one of the opening speakers of the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer, remembered his late wife, who passed away from cancer just a few months ago.

According to Apatang, he didn't just join the march in honor of his late wife but to celebrate too as a cancer survivor.

Cancer survivor Patty Cruz told the crowd that, at one point during her illness, she was bedridden and close to death. Yet because of perseverance and the support of her loved ones, she overcame and survived.

According to Hosono, the MMAC raised a grand total of $200,772 in cash and in-kind donations, expenses deducted. Last year, the MMAC raised a grand total of $189,344 in cash and in-kind donation, expenses deducted. All the proceeds raised will go the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

During the closing ceremony, plaques were handed out to teams that won in categories like most funds raised, best baton, best tent, most spirited, most laps, most luminaries sold, rising star, and rookie of the year.

Team Bodig, a team under the Pulan (family) category, took home almost every award during the 2017 MMAC awarding ceremony.

Team Bodig took home the best baton award, most money raised in the Pulan Category, most community spirited, and the most luminaries sold.

The Rookie of the Year award went to Docomo Pacific and the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation.

The winner of the Most Laps awards was awarded to Imperial Pacific and Marianas High School.

The Rising Star award was awarded to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association.

The Best Tent award was awarded to Team Talabok Star. The Most Inspirational Spirit award was awarded to Team Fa'iye. Team Pacific Islands Club won the most money raised in the Puti'on (Corporate) category.

Team Pacific Island's Club has been supporting the MMAC since it first started 15 years ago, according to team leader Dennis Tababa, and will continue to raise as much money as they possibly can for the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

The Most Money Raised for the Atdao (non-profit/government) category was awarded to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association.

The Most Money Raised in the Napu (school) category was awarded to Mount Carmel School.

The Most Money Raised in the Tasi (corporate/family, non-profit, or school) category was awarded to Imperial Pacific and Marianas High School.

The Most Money Raised in the Tano (non-profit/school or institution) category was awarded to the CNMI government and Ayuda Network.

Public invited to college's Charter Day party on Friday

To celebrate more than 35 years of enriching lives through higher education, the Northern Marianas College is inviting the community to its biggest celebration of the year, Charter Day, on Friday, May 12, 2017.

"We are inviting everyone to join us in As Terlaje for our annual Charter Day celebration on Friday," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "There will be lively entertainment from students and community members, fun competitions, and other activities for the entire family."

This Friday's Charter Day celebration will include performances by LJ Naputi, who swept all the awards as last week's Flame Tree Festival Chamolinian Music Contest; JJ Concepcion; Roman Jr. Tudela; Big J; Simiyan Marianas; Rhythm & Harmony; Carolinian Maas Dance Group; Palauan Community; 29:11 Dance Group; Nikki Ayuyu; Felix Rabauliman; Three Shores; and many more.

Additionally, the program includes the "PROA FACTOR" talent competition, which replaces the Marianas Idol Competition and the Battle of the Bands. The deadline to join the competition is today, May 8, 2017 and auditions will be held tomorrow, May 9.

In addition to an impressive entertainment lineup, Charter Day festivities will also feature a number of food vendors and other organizations who are showcasing their programs and services.

This year, the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Education, and Extension Service will also be hosting demonstrations and giving away seedlings, plants, and other items.

The Charter Day celebration will be held from 4pm to 10pm on Friday, May 12, 2017, at the NMC south field next to the NMC Gym. More information about the event can be found at marianas.edu or email nmc@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

Congressional art exhibit opens

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo and the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency announced last week the opening of the annual Congressional Art Competition art exhibit. Artwork from local high school students entered in the competition will be on display at the Cars Plus showroom in Maite until Thursday, May 11, 2017. The public is invited to visit the showroom daily from 7am to 6pm. The showroom is closed on Sunday.

This is a nationwide annual high school arts competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. A total of 650,000 high school students have participated since the competition began in 1982.

All high school students were invited by Bordallo to participate in the competition. Various entries were submitted by students from both public and private schools. All submitted artwork will be judged by a panel of local artists, and the winner will have his or her artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol Complex.***(PR)***

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Son of late Saipan mayor cannot pursue claim

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The federal court has ruled that because estates are not "persons" under the CNMI Consumer Protection Act, Derron Gerald Flores, the son of former Saipan mayor Donald G. Flores, cannot pursue a private cause of action against MUFG Union Bank N.A.

Derron, as administrator of the estate of Donald Flores, is suing MUFG Union Bank to collect principal and interest on a $200,000, 32-day certificate of deposit 24 years after his father took it out at Union Bank in 1993.

In agreeing with Union Bank, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said Donald Flores was a "person" under the CPA at the time he filed the lawsuit, but the CPA cause of action abated upon his death.

Only "persons" aggrieved as a result of a violation of the CPA may bring a CPA private cause of action, said Manglona in granting in part and in denying in part Union Bank's motion for summary judgment as to Derron's claims of violation of the CPA and roll over interest rate.

Deron, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, last week asked the court to reconsider its decision.

Lizama said the certificate of deposit and Union Bank's roll over interest promise to Flores constitute one agreement between the parties and is their total bargain.

Lizama said abatement is a common law rule and it must be determined under common law if Flores' claim falls under any exception to the abatement rule.

The lawyer said the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has already heard the issue of abatement and did not dismiss Flores' CPA claim.

In her order, Manglona said the CPA defines a "person" to be "natural persons, corporations, firms, partnerships, joint stock companies, and associations or other organizations of persons."

Manglona said while a valid argument could be made that "estates" fall into the former definition of "persons" as a legal entity, it is undisputed that it cannot fall within the current definition.

More significantly, the judge said, the Superior Court previously looked at this issue and determined that estates are not "persons" under the CPA.

As such, Manglona said, Flores' estate is not entitled to initiate a claim or obtain relief under the CPA under the guise of "other organizations of persons."

Manglona said the opportunity to allow a CPA claim to survive the death of a consumer rightfully belongs to the Legislature.

US Marines join French-led exercise

OKINAWA, Japan—U.S. Marine Corps and multinational forces are now conducting Exercise Jeanne D'Arc on land and in the surrounding waters of Guam and Tinian until May 18.

Approximately 100 Marines from 3rd Marine Division joined forces from France, Japan and British Royal Marine Commandos who are honing their collective defense capabilities. The multi-day training includes vertical assaults, amphibious raids, close quarter engagement techniques and urban patrolling.

Exercise Jeanne D'Arc is an annual French-led exercise aimed at strengthening strategic partnerships and exercising freedom of navigation operations across the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-024

KAILING DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified construction firms for the Kailing Drive Waterline Replacement Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of abandoning the existing 4-inch waterline and replacing it with a new 4 inch C900 PVC pipe. Work will also consist of installing new fire hydrant and gate valve assemblies, reconnection of service laterals to the new water main and replacement of water meter assemblies. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **May 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-024, CUC Kailing Drive Waterline Replacement Project, Saipan",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 31 , 2017,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms.

Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on May 19, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joel Puyat, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email joel.puyat@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Technician- via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-025

ISA DRIVE SEWER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT PART B

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified Construction firms for the Construction of the Isa Drive Sewer Line Extension Project Part B in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new sewer mains, manholes, and drop manholes. The asphalt pavement restoration shall be completed by others. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications.

CUC requires the Project to be completed by August 15, 2017 pending the Department of Public Works ongoing road construction. It may be extended if the road construction experiences any delays in the vicinity of the sewer line extension. The contractor shall be allotted a minimum of 90 days to complete the work.

This project is funded by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Capital Improvement Project thru the CNMI. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **May 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-17-025, Isa Drive Sewer Line Extension Part B"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 16, 2017,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 8, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org and to Travis Spaeth, CUC Project Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org .

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
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Bridge Capital donates $5K to Tournament of Champions

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Bridge Capital donates $5,000 to the organizers of the Tournament of Champions. From left, Ray Camacho, TOC committee member; Ben Babauta TOC tournament director; Jody Jordahl, Bridge Capital COO and vice president; and Joe Guerrero, Bridge Capital Business Development manager.

As part of its commitment to support local community groups and volunteer-driven projects, Bridge Capital, LLC has donated $5,000 to the organizers of the 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28, 2017.

"For more than 20 years, the Governor's Tournament of Champions has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for beautification and improvement projects that enhance the CNMI's reputation as a prime tourist destination," said Joe Guerrero, Bridge Capital Business Development manager. "We are excited to be a part of this year's tournament and wish all the players luck!"

"Bridge Capital has been a strong community partner for many years, and we are extremely grateful for the company's generous contribution," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "The company's donation will go a long way to ensure that this year's tournament is the most successful one to date."

The 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses on May 27 and 28. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is $200.

Winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior flights will each receive $500, $400, $300, a digital camera, and $100 DFS gift certificate for the first to fifth place, respectively. The Ladies Low Gross winners will receive $500, $400, and $300 for first to third place, respectively. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will each receive a trophy.

Prizes worth hundreds of thousands of dollars will be at stake in the two-day tournament.

Since its inception, TOC has turned over more than $800,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone to improvements like the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to Kensington Hotel, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, the TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2017 TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan.com. ***(PR)***

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What can you do to live a healthier life?
Be healthier with one, or all, of the steps below! Get the conversation started at your next well-woman visit with this list. A well-woman visit is a yearly preventive checkup with your doctor. It's a time to check in on how you're doing, how you'd like to be doing, and what changes you can make to reach your health goals. In addition to talking with your doctor or nurse about your health, you may also need certain vaccines (shots) and medical tests. You do not need every test every year!
To live a healthy life
EVERY DAY I WILL TRY TO:
Eat healthy — go to ChooseMyPlate.gov to get started
Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity
Get at least 7 to 8 hours sleep
Reach and maintain a healthy weight
Get help to quit or don't start smoking
Limit alcohol use to one drink or less
Not use illegal drugs or misuse prescription drugs
Wear a helmet when riding a bike and wear protective gear for sports
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Take 400 to 800 mcg of folic acid
TALK TO MY DOCTOR AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR ABOUT:
Whether I plan to have children in the next year or the right birth control for me
My weight, diet, and physical activity level
My tobacco and alcohol use
Any violence in my life
Depression and any other mental health concerns
My family health history, especially of cancer
ASK IF I NEED THESE TESTS OR VACCINES THIS YEAR:
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Cholesterol
Flu
Hepatitis B and hepatitis C
HIV
Pap and HPV
Sexually transmitted infections
Tuberculosis
If you are pregnant, prenatal care can also be a well-woman visit. There are also certain tests during pregnancy to check your and your baby's health. Visit our Pregnancy section to learn what you can do before, during, and after pregnancy to give your baby a healthy start to life and to take care of yourself, too.
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How to Write a Financial Plan

Wednesday, May 10th 2017

8:30am—11:00am

Location: CDA Board Room

Presented by: Denise Mendiola, Guam SBDC Senior Business Advisor/ Women in Business Program Coordinator

Mendiola has over 12 years in business development and management with an emphasis in training and marketing and has over 10 years as a small business owner. Major awards include the 2004 SBA's Women in Business Champion, 2006 ASBDC State Star, 2012 ASBDC State Star, 2016 ASBDC State Star, and recently name one of the Top 25 Influential Women on Guam.

A financial plan is the heart of any startup or existing business. It is a culmination of the income statement, the cash-flow projection and the business' balance sheet. The financial plan is a way to look at a business through a financial lens, which is the view most investors or bankers prefer. When preparing a financial plan, it is not mandatory that you be a mathematician, but you need to understand how the numbers affect a business. This training will provide a foundation on both the financial reports and methodology to develop the numbers for those reports.

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3 men arrested for alleged theft

A man was arrested last week for allegedly stealing a storeowner's credit card, among other items, and using it to buy gas and groceries. Two other men were arrested for stealing cans of milk and selling them to another store.

Thomas Daniel Riner, 33, was arrested for theft, misuse of credit card, and issuance of bad checks.

Joshua Blas Santos, 29, and John Raymond SN. Muna, 27, were arrested for theft and conspiracy to commit theft.

Riner, Santos, and Muna were taken before Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio for bail hearings on Friday afternoon.

In Riner's case, a police officer was dispatched to U Save Super Market II in Susupe last April 8, in response to a report of theft.

The officer met with the store's owner, who claimed that her LG G Vista cell phone worth $270 was stolen, along with her driver's license and Bank of Guam credit card.

The victim told police that her credit card was swiped at Kagman Market and Mobil gas station in Sadog Tasi for a total of $261.07.

Police investigation showed that a man carrying an infant with diapers asked the cashier at U Save Super Market II to use the store's phone. The man, who has a tattoo on the left arm, was later identified via surveillance camera as Riner.

The storeowner was about to leave the establishment when she noticed that her cellphone, which she had put on the shelf at the cashier counter, was no longer there. The victim reviewed the surveillance camera, leading to the identification and arrest of Riner.

The victim went to Bank of Guam in Chalan Piao and learned that her credit card was swiped twice at a Mobil gas station in Sadog Tasi and at New Kagman Market last April 8.

During the police's interview with Riner last April 11, he allegedly confessed to stealing the victim's cellphone and using her credit card to buy gas, cigarettes, and groceries.

Riner also told police where he threw the phone, along Isa Drive on Capital Hill.

In March 2015, police arrested Riner in San Vicente for allegedly stealing a 1997 Honda Civic sedan.

In September 2012, Riner was also arrested for his alleged involvement in a series of burglaries in Kagman.

In the case against Muna and Santos, a police officer was dispatched to San Jose Mart in Oleai last April 14 where a theft was reported.

Police said a man showed a check from Best Sunshine Corp. and asked if he could take a case of Similac Milk to the parking lot to show it to his wife if it was the right kind.

The man, later identified as Muna through the surveillance camera, did not return.

Police said a review of the surveillance camera's footage showed, on that same day, Muna and Santos stole six cans of Similac Milk from San Jose Mart.

During their police interview last April 28, Muna and Santos admitted stealing a total of 12 cans of Simillac Milk and selling them at Chang Ming Store in Garapan for $60. The 12 cans of milk were worth a total of $275.

Police said Santos is under probation for a previous criminal conviction. He has other pending theft case. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-031

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

- *OMB Circular A-133*
- *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
- *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*
- *Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)*

The date of contract award will be no later than May 26, 2017. Audit work shall commence thereafter and must be completed within forty (40) calendar days from issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP). Auditors are responsible to review all the 2016 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-031, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2016" to the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on May 12, 2017**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 5, 2017**, to Corina Magofna, CUC Budget Officer, via email address corina.magofna@cucgov.org and Manny Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANUEL B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

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INVITATION FOR BID
ITB17-GOV-134 Division of Agriculture
Kagman Facility Repairs
FEMA DR-4235-MP P A PW 32

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Public Assistance Program are soliciting sealed bids for the repair of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Division of Agriculture Kagman Facility located in Kagman, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available April 24, 2017, at the Public Assistance Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A $100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be present when obtaining a project package. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit for this project on May 15, 2017, at 9:00am ChST at the Kagman Agriculture Station in Kagman, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Patrick C. Guerrero in writing on or before May 10,2017, to the Public Assistance Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, by email to: patrickguerrero.pa@gmail.com, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked *ITB17-GOV-134 Division of Agriculture Kagman Facility Repairs*. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST May 26, 2017. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice ofIntent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST May 26, 2017, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail toprocurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 26, 2017, and the bid documents must be received no later than June 9,2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at *9:00 a.m. ChST June 12, 2017*. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at *9:00 a.m. ChST May 26, 2017*.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's "F r bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
2) Cash
3) US Government Securities
4) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
5) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
6) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Governor's Authorized Representative
Virginia C. Villagomez

Herman S. Sablan, Director
Director of Procurement & Supply

Labor problem 'could have been avoided'

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Closer cooperation between federal and local enforcement agencies could have prevented some of the illegal labor practices that have happened the past few months, according to Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) and business proprietor Jim Arenovski.

"I think we should all work collaboratively to come up with solutions so that such practices are not repeated," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune.*

Arenovski, who spoke in last week's Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall, said is it also the duty of the government and business sector to make sure history doesn't repeat itself.

"We need to have an improved cooperation between local and federal governments. [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services] and CNMI Labor should have discovered the anomaly faster," said Arenovski.

"We no longer have control of immigration. We need to take action and help. Talk of how we could address the issues. We need to sit down with USCIS and discuss how they could help grow our economy."

Arenovski just testified before the Senate panel of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in relation to House Resolution 339 of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP). HR 339 aims to add 2,002 more slots to the CW1 cap for fiscal year 2017.

Years after its illegal labor problems during the garment industry days, Saipan was thrust into the spotlight again, this time after contractors were found to have brought in construction workers disguised as tourists and using the China visa parole program.

Investigations are now being done by several federal agencies after the issue was uncovered. Things started to unravel after a construction worker was killed at the site of the proposed Imperial Pacific casino-resort.

Guerrero said the Department of Homeland Security should hire more officers for Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This is truer for CBP since they screen tourists before they are allowed to enter the CNMI.

"Somehow DHS waited too long to address the illegal recruitment. CBP should have known that tourists were being recruited to work as construction workers by a Chinese construction company on the island," Guerrero said

He added that local and federal agencies involved in labor and immigration could have made routine checks at the construction site to know if the workers are all holders of CW1 permits.

Arenovski said the mood during the Senate hearing was not friendly, as committee chair Sen. Lisa Murkowski and ranking member Sen. Maria Cantwell reminded the CNMI delegation—headed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Sablan—of its past.

"We were sorely reminded of the past and they [Senate] were not happy. That had happened during the garment factory days and we simply can't allow this to happen again," said Arenovski.

Guerrero and Arenovski said one solution is to have penalties for every company that violates labor and immigration laws, whether local or federal.

"We should all be part of the solution, regardless as to who is the company or investor that condone such illegal practice by banning the company from doing business in the CNMI," said Guerrero.

"If that would have been my employees who broke the rules, I'll let them go. Subcontractors who have been doing so should leave. If we don't play by the rules, leave," Arenovski said.

NMC extends deadline to obtain a Charter Day booth

Northern Marianas College is inviting vendors to take part in the college's 36th annual Charter Day celebration on Friday, May 12, 2017. The deadline to submit booth applications, originally set for May 5, 2017, has been extended to Wednesday May 10, 2017.

Agencies, businesses, clubs and other civic organizations are invited to participate in the celebration by purchasing booth space for the following categories: food and drinks (water/ coconut juice in a nut), game booths, retail (arts, and crafts, toys etc.), and information.

Booth applications forms must be submitted by Friday, May 10, 2017, by 4pm. Note, however, that booth spaces are limited so applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

The booth fee is $150 for all commercial vendors but for student clubs and non-profit organizations, booth fees are $75.

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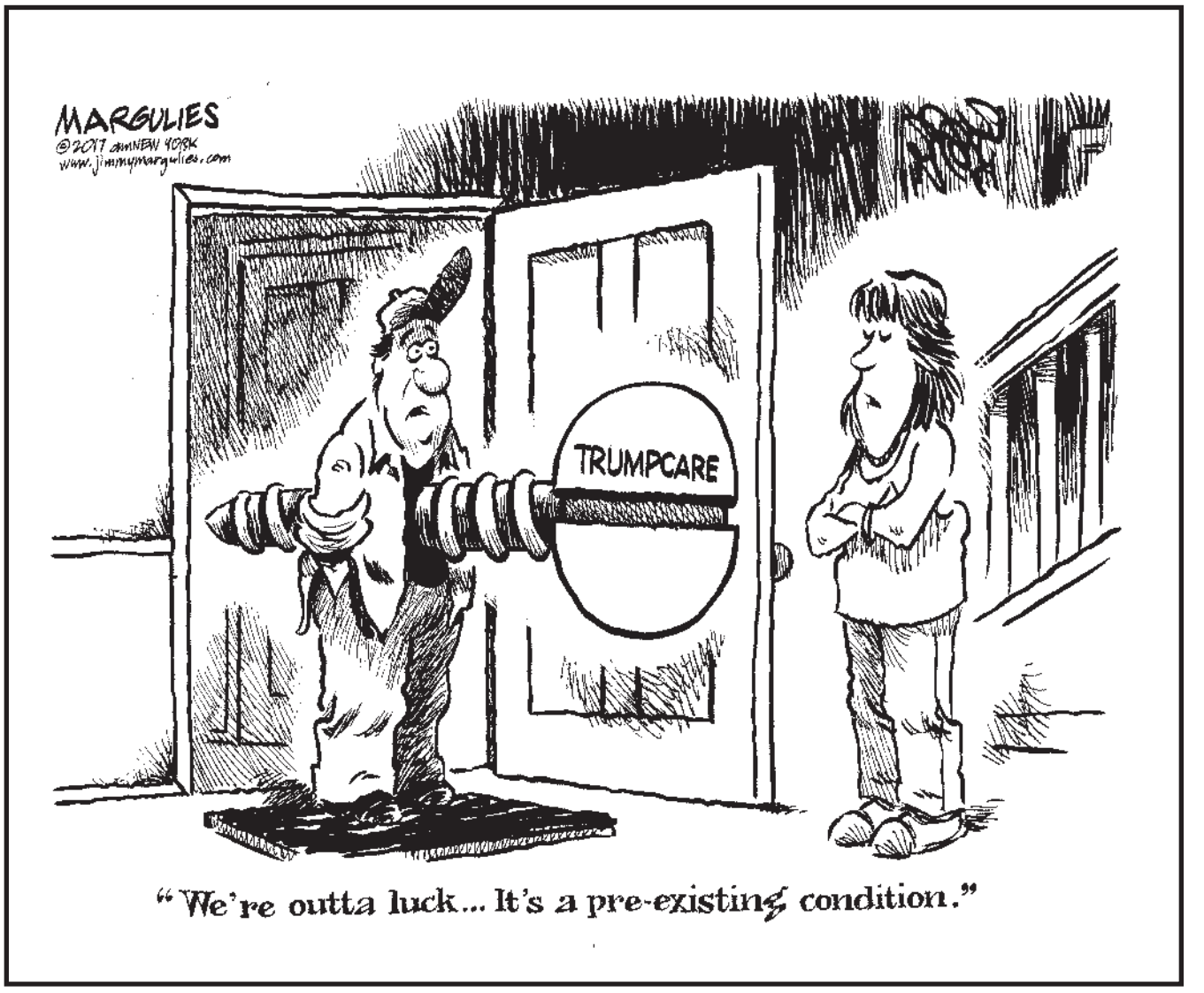

EDITORIAL

A meager GDP expansion won't suffice

It's too early to draw any large conclusions about the performance of the U.S. economy during the Trump administration, but the first quarter of 2017's growth rate, 0.7 percent, is distressingly low.

North Korea's growth rate is estimated at between 1 and 1.5 percent, by comparison.

The U.S. stock market, among the economy's leading indicators, continues to go up. The investor class reaps immediate benefit, pension plans and 401(k)s get a boost, and consumer spending is bolstered by the wealth effect. Yet a large number of Americans do not realize gains.

A Pew Research Center study released last week found that between 1991 and 2010 the American middle class had shrunk, from 62 to 59 percent of adults in middle-income households. The number of rich and the number of poor had increased as the middle class was hollowed out. Income, in effect, was redistributed from the middle class to the upper-income class as economic inequality widened.

The same Pew study found that U.S. performance with respect to the fate of the middle class was worse than that of the other 11 countries in the study. Advocates of globalization will find it hard to argue that America is benefiting from the present arrangement.

The contraction of America's middle class has led to frustration with and distrust of its ruling political elite, contributing to the vote for Trump in November, particularly from the "forgotten people." Political developments such as the non-repeal of the Affordable Care Act, the non-rocket start of the tax reform bill, and the threat of yet another war, with North Korea _ as opposed to progress on infrastructure construction and repair _ are undoubtedly making those who voted for Trump in hopes of an economic resurgence, including growth and jobs, begin to wonder. Yet turnout at his rallies would suggest that he still has time.

As far as overall economic prospects for America are concerned, the long-term decline of the middle class in favor of the rich and the poor, and the economy's feeble 0.7 percent growth rate so far this year, are real signs of reason for grave concern on the part of our leaders. We have seen distress already in three-and-four-job families, opioid deaths and people just dropping out of the economy, but the Pew study and the sub-North Korea growth rate has placed frightening data meat on the bones of concern.

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Iran offers lessons on dealing with North Korea

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While running for office, Donald Trump repeatedly blasted the Iran nuclear deal, calling it "the worst deal ever negotiated." Recently, however, his administration reluctantly acknowledged that Iran is complying with its obligations under the deal, which require it to halt its development of nuclear weapons in order to avoid further international economic sanctions.

As the Trump administration struggles to find a plan for dealing with North Korea's nuclear program, it can take several important lessons from the success of the Iran deal.

Most fundamentally, Trump and his team should reassess the relative merit of diplomatic and military strategies. Trump has already shown a clear preference for a muscular approach to foreign affairs. In his first 100 days Trump has given the Pentagon "total authorization" to conduct military operations, escalated the war on terror, conducted a missile strike on Syria and sent a carrier strike group to put pressure on North Korea.

But although the appeal of military force is understandable given America's overwhelming advantage on the battlefield, the most challenging problems facing the United States are not amenable to military solutions.

Military leaders have made clear, for example, that airstrikes would only slow down, not stop, Iran's development of nuclear weapons. A full-scale invasion of Iran, on the other hand, would be a reckless decision, ensuring thousands of casualties and plunging the Middle East yet deeper into chaos.

North Korea, like Iran, is a situation that cannot be resolved through military means. Not only would an attack on North Korea risk the use of nuclear weapons; it could also provoke the North to unleash its conventional artillery on the vulnerable civilian population of South Korea, millions of whom live within striking range. In both cases, the conclusion reached by both the Bush and Obama administrations was that strategic patience and diplomacy were the only real options on the table.

A second lesson the administration should glean from the Iran deal is that an imperfect diplomatic solution is better than no solution. Even as he admitted Iran was living up to its end of the deal, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson complained that the deal itself was a failure because it would only slow, not stop, Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

The real issue here is not the failure of diplomacy. No agreement can provide complete assurance about the future. The underlying issue is an inability to accept that sometimes the United States, despite being the world's sole superpower, cannot get everything it wants. The Iran nuclear deal was not a panacea, but the United States is better off with it than without it.

A final takeaway from the Iran nuclear deal is that diplomacy is actually quite popular. After all his hawkish rhetoric on the campaign trail about Iran, and after all the saber-rattling on North Korea, Trump may worry that his supporters will abandon him if he pursues a diplomatic solution.

The polls, however, suggest just the opposite. Despite Trump's continual criticism of the Iran deal, a Morning Consult poll recently showed that the deal has higher support (56 percent) now than it ever did under Barack Obama. Critically for Trump, a majority of Republicans (53 percent) now supports the deal for the first time. This shows that there is room for Trump to maneuver when it comes to diplomacy and nuclear proliferation, even with a "rogue state" like North Korea.

Moreover, the polls also make clear that the public sees diplomacy as the more attractive option. According to a CBS News poll, 62 percent of the public is "uneasy" about Trump's current approach to North Korea. At the same time, the poll finds that 61 percent of the public believes that North Korea's nuclear program is a threat that the United States can contain, as opposed to just 27 percent who think military action is required.

There is no viable military option to resolve the nuclear issue in Iran or North Korea. Meanwhile, the public heartily supports diplomacy. Fortunately, reports suggest that Trump is indeed looking for a diplomatic solution on North Korea. As the Pentagon's top commander in the Pacific, Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., told the House Armed Services Committee, "We want to bring Kim Jong Un to his senses, not to his knees."

If true, this will be welcome news. But Trump's bluster and threats have the potential to derail even a genuine desire for peaceful resolution.

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Springtime for despots of the world

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Are you a foreign despot who has just purged his opposition or authorized a deadly war against your nation's drug dealers? Normally, you would expect at least a mild rebuke from the leader of the free world. Depending on how egregious your violations, maybe even a tough speech from the Rose Garden or a U.S.-sponsored United Nations resolution.

Not anymore. In the Donald Trump era, it's springtime for the world's authoritarians. Or at least that's how it seems. Consider some of Trump's recent statements.

He told Bloomberg News on Monday that he would be "honored" to meet with North Korea's Kim Jong Un under the right circumstances. Last week, we were on the brink of war with Kim's Hermit Kingdom. But now, Trump is holding out the prospect of a deal. All of that is fine, but since when would an American president be honored to meet with a boy-tyrant who presides over a Gulag state?

Then there was Trump's invitation to Filipino president Rodrigo Duterte this week to visit the White House. He's the guy who said last summer, "Just because you're a journalist doesn't mean you're exempted from assassination if you're a son of a bitch."

Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, last month orchestrated a constitutional referendum that could keep him in power for the next dozen years and further consolidate the powers of the chief executive. The vote was widely criticized by human rights groups and outside observers as a further nail in the coffin of Turkish democracy. Not Trump. He called Erdogan after the vote to congratulate him on the victory.

From Russia's Vladimir Putin to Egypt's General Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Trump has gone out of his way to butter up foreign leaders who have trampled over the rights of their citizens. One gets the sense that if Trump was alive during the era of Mongol conquests he would probably proclaim Genghis Khan was "one smart cookie with a big heart."

It's clear that much of this is improvisational. After the first 100 days, all of us are getting used to a president who says and tweets whatever is on his mind, regardless of how it coheres with his administration's foreign policy. We saw this previously when it came to Russia's political influence operation last year. Trump this weekend told CBS News that he still wasn't sure Russia was behind the hacking of leading Democrats (even though he had acknowledged as much before his inauguration).

At the same time, White House officials tell me it would be a mistake to conclude that Trump doesn't care at all about human rights. "He has a strategy and his strategy is to develop personal relationships to avoid criticizing publicly people with whom he is trying to build a relationship and with whom he is negotiating," Michael Anton, the National Security Council spokesman, told me Tuesday.

But any argument that Trump really cares about human rights or democracy in foreign policy is undermined by his sweet words for Duterte, Erdogan, Sisi and China's leader, Xi Jinping.

Past presidents have also looked the other way at times for authoritarian allies. And often presidents who made support for human rights a rhetorical priority didn't back up those words when it came to policy. Remember that President Barack Obama was critical of Sisi's military coup in 2012, but he never cut off military aid to Egypt afterward. Madeleine Albright, who served as Bill Clinton's secretary of state, handed Kim's father a basketball signed by Michael Jordan in her visit to North Korea in 2000.

The difference is that when former presidents cozied up to authoritarians, there was a strategic purpose. Obama needed Egypt to be stable while its neighbor Libya descended into civil war. Clinton wanted North Korea to agree to a deal to abandon its long-range missile program. Franklin D. Roosevelt needed Stalin to defeat Hitler. With Trump, it's unclear whether his obsequiousness to despots is part of a larger plan or just popping off.

"The challenge is to know if there is a strategy behind these peculiar openings to foreign authoritarians," Timothy Naftali, a professor of history at New York University and former director of the Nixon Presidential Library, told me. "Donald Trump has so far been incapable of articulating a foreign policy approach, let alone a strategy."

Naftali held out hope that National Security Adviser General H.R. McMaster has a strategy, and that Trump is an imperfect spokesperson for it. "But at the moment there is no reason to believe that he is inviting Duterte to this country, except to annoy political elites," he said.

Bolstering Naftali's argument is that Duterte's first response to Trump's invitation was to say he was probably too busy to visit the White House. Usually invitations to a head of state are better choreographed.

That said, it's also possible that Trump understands that Duterte, who threatened to kick the U.S. military out of his country in October, needs courting. It's worth remembering that the Obama administration last fall encouraged the Philippines to settle its dispute with China over artificial islands in the South China Sea directly, even after an international tribunal ruled in favor of the Filipinos. If Duterte concludes his government is too toxic for the West, it will drive him into China's arms.

A similar argument can be made for China and Turkey. If Turkey can be enticed to play a more constructive role in Syria's civil war, if China can be persuaded to pressure North Korea on its nuclear program, then why muddy the diplomacy with boilerplate about political prisoners?

There is, though, another way. Here it's instructive to go back the Philippines. In 1986, another Republican president, Ronald Reagan, faced another Filipino strongman in Ferdinand Marcos. The two had developed a close relationship going back to when Reagan was governor of California. But after it became clear that Marcos had engaged in widespread election fraud in the 1986 election and that his military was defecting to his opposition, Reagan insisted his old friend step down.

Reagan did this in the twilight of the Cold War, when the Soviets and the Americans fought all over the world for influence in weaker countries. There was a strong argument that national interests should prevail over human rights in the Philippines in 1986, too. And yet the U.S. was rewarded for Reagan's foresight in 1988, when the elected government granted the U.S. an interim agreement to keep U.S. military bases on the islands.

Trump could learn a lot from Reagan when it comes to his new authoritarian friends. Statecraft often demands leaders choose between interests and values. But America is an exceptional nation. Sometimes its interests are best served by advancing the principles of its founders.

Health-care plan turns cold shoulder to those who are sick in body, mind

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Thirty-five years ago this week, my father passed away at the age of 43. Fifty years ago this week, my baby brother was born. He never saw his 43rd birthday, dying unexpectedly at 30.

These two events have always been connected in my mind by the proximity of time and the poignancy of loss: I miss you, Daddy, happy birthday, Jon.

Rarely do I think of one without the other, even in normal times. But these are not normal times. These are the days when we have started to examine the character of our society, forced into this moral contact sport by outside events (the election of a president some love and some hate) and an evolving sense of justice (Black Lives Matter, LGBT Lives Matter, Unborn Life Matters).

The thing that has really brought that into focus for me has been the health-care debate. The GOP attempt to dismantle Obamacare has cleared the first hurdle, squeaking by in the House.

I'm not trembling, because I have insurance. It's not the best kind or the cheapest, and I have no love for the company that presumably protects me, but I have insurance.

Others, by choice or inability, do not.

I really don't care about the people who deliberately choose not to insure themselves. If they want to play with fire, that's on them.

But those who are sick, either in body or in mind, are my concern. They should concern all of us. Looking away when they reach out and say "please help," is the sign of a society that doesn't deserve to be "great again," and which quite possibly never really was.

This brings me back to my father and my brother. Daddy was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer in 1981. He fought like a warrior, the same way he lived his singularly valiant life. Dirt poor as a boy, living in foster homes, working two jobs during the day and attending Temple law school at night while supporting a young family, my father was used to obstacles.

When anointing him a "Legend of the Philadelphia Bar," 20 years after his death, his colleagues in the Bar Association described Teddy as "a feisty trial lawyer" who handled civil rights cases in Jackson, Miss., in the 1960s. He raged against the dying of the light.

He saw the best doctors. He criss-crossed the country to try experimental treatments at Sloane Kettering, at the Mayo Clinic and down in Texas. He was the incarnation of that poem, Invictus, recited as a talisman: "Out of the dark that covers me/Black as a pit, from pole to pole/I thank whatever god there be/For my unconquerable soul."

And the soul was unconquerable, but the body succumbed. Daddy was able to fight because he had the means and opportunity. He had a good insurance plan, and he had the money. His struggle was hard, his fight valiant, but it was a little easier because he had health coverage. I cannot imagine what his journey would have been like had he been forced to fight first with insurance companies ratcheting up premiums in a capitalist frenzy, and then with the looming cancer monster.

Unlike Daddy, my brother's body was whole, but his mind was troubled. He suffered from the shadows and the sorrows that are undefined, but settle in so deeply and so insidiously that they eat us from inside, and the world is unaware. It is an interior disease more deadly for its silence and its shame than the most brutal cancer.

I do not know the details of his battle, but I know its ending, and the corpses strewn across the family battlefield.

Others have suffered like Jon, and are still suffering. How can a society that considers itself great, and how can I, as a pro-life Catholic, acquiesce in a health-care system that makes it harder for the troubled minds to find safe harbor? It's a rhetorical question with a self-evident answer: We can't.

I miss you, Daddy. Happy birthday, Jon. This one's for you.

The Weather

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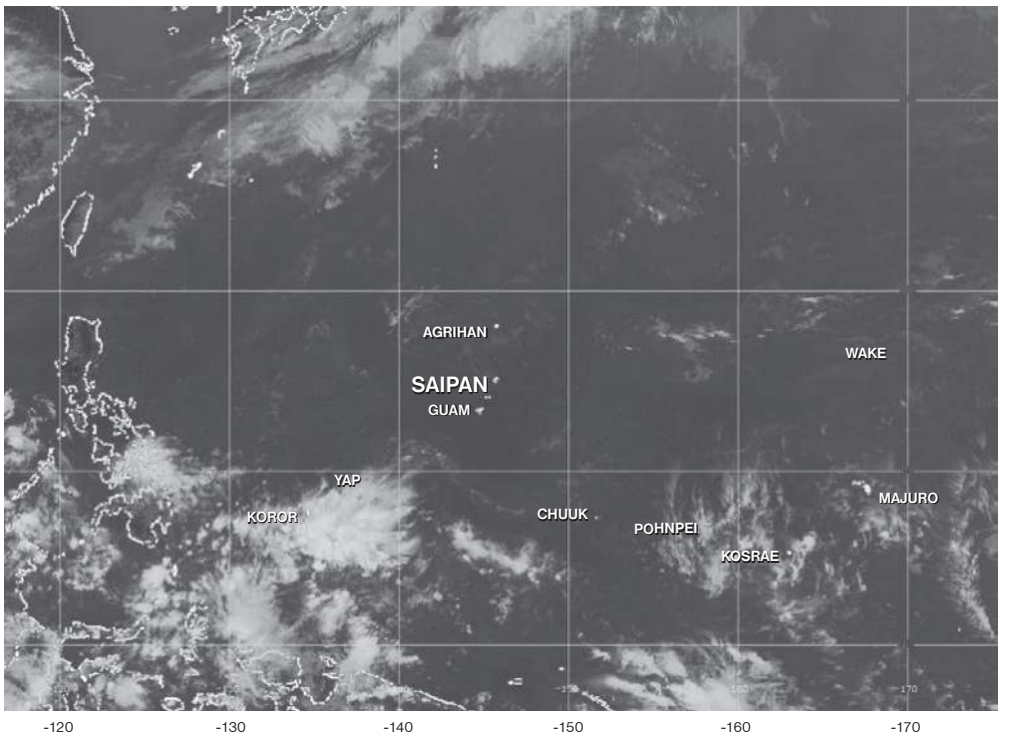

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Palau	Thunderstorms	86 | 78 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	86 | 72 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86 | 80 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85 | 78 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86 | 80 °F
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	85 | 81 °F

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Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	84 | 72 °F
London	Sunny	61 | 45 °F
Los Angeles	Rain	69 | 55 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	91 | 79 °F
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UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
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7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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BECQ has acquired new equipment for water testing

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REPORTER

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality has acquired new equipment for its water quality-testing program.

Administrator Frank Rabauliman said the new equipment would give a more accurate result in the detection of bacteria in beach waters.

BECQ performs water quality surveillance in beach waters of the Commonwealth.

Since the establishment of the program in 2013, BECQ has been using only one type of apparatus—the Enterolert—to test beach water for the presence of fecal bacteria.

According to Rabauliman, Enterolert can only detect metabolically active bacteria and detects different kinds of bacteria.

BECQ's new equipment is called Quantitative Polynumeric Chain Reaction or QPCR.

According to Rabauliman, BECQ has been testing the QPCR for over two years now. The equipment underwent rigorous testing from BECQ in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

QPCR will be incorporated in the water quality notification program once all the tests are completed which is very soon, according to Rabauliman. What makes QPCR significant is the accuracy of its results.

In incorporating QPCR in the water quality notification program, BECQ will have a clearer picture of what they will be dealing with.

DNA analysis is what differs QPCR from the Enterolert. Through DNA analysis, QPCR will be able to detect fecal bacteria that are active or non-active.

The QPCR also specializes in detecting human fecal bacteria and treated human fecal bacteria.

The QPCR also generates results faster than the Enterolert.

It has been a problem for BECQ to quickly get water sample results back from water testing through the Enterolert because results are generated after a full 24 hours.

Rabauliman said QPCR is able to generate results within four hours.

He said the faster the results are generated, the quicker it is to notify the public of contaminated water.

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2017 Taste of the Marianas

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Hordes of people welcomed the 19th Taste of the Marianas opening day last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base.

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Albert Pajarillaga, F&B assistant manager, is joined by other Mariana Resort & Spa employees at their booth.

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Arthur Saw, left, F&B manager at Kanoa Resort, is joined by the rest of his staff at the Kanoa Resort booth at the 19th Taste of the Marianas at the Garapan Fishing Base.

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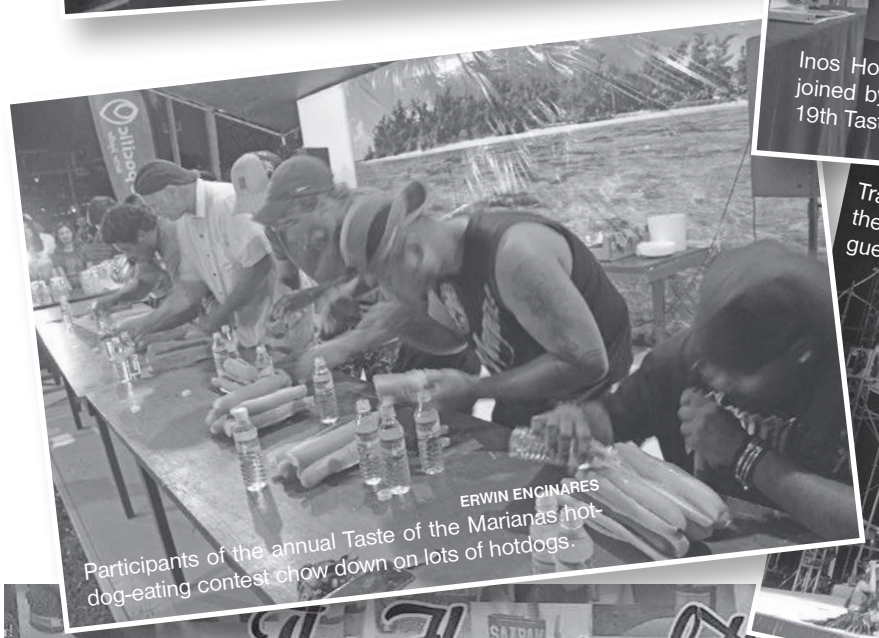
Inos Hocog, chef de cuisine at Hyatt Regency Saipan, is joined by others at the Hyatt Regency Saipan booth at the 19th Taste of the Marianas at the Garapan Fishing Base.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Moses Buekis, third placer in the hotdog-eating contest, poses with 2016 Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua.



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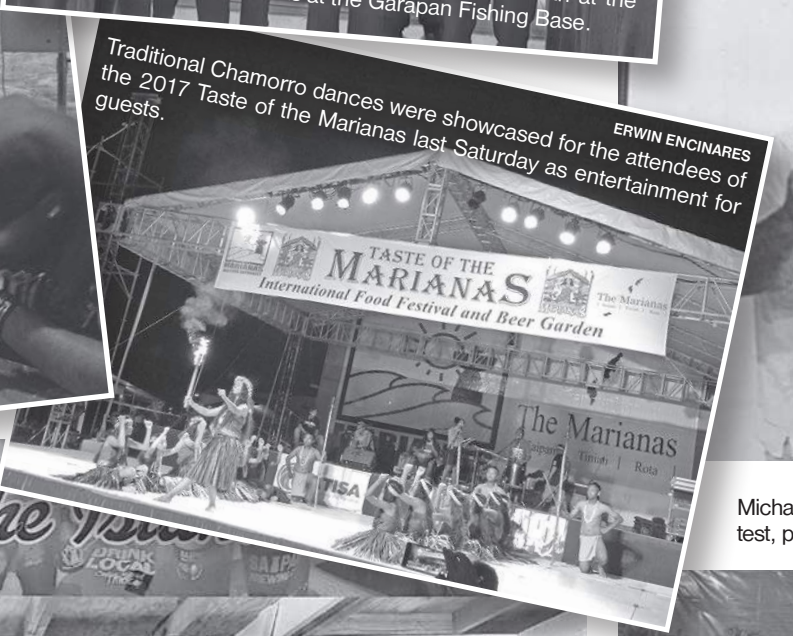
Participants of the annual Taste of the Marianas hotdog-eating contest chow down on lots of hotdogs.



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Traditional Chamorro dances were showcased for the attendees of the 2017 Taste of the Marianas last Saturday as entertainment for guests.

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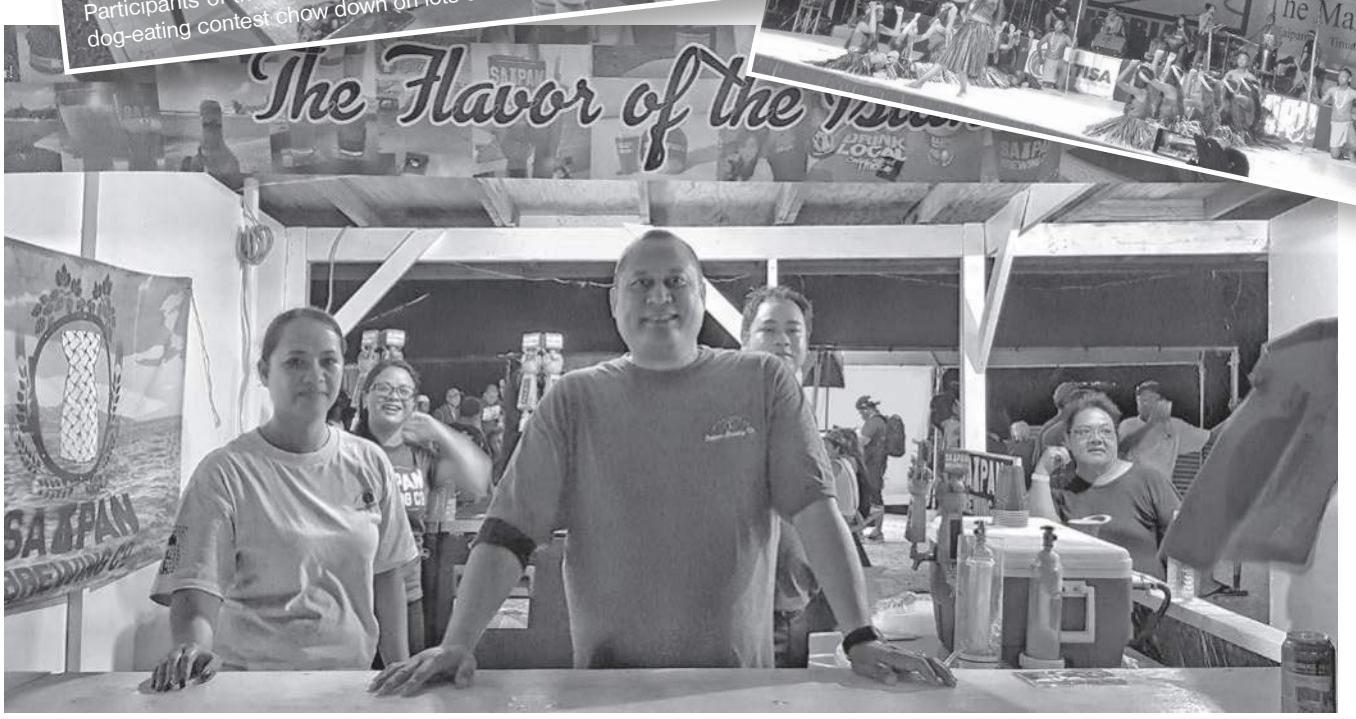
Michael Harris, second placer in the hotdog-eating contest, poses with 2016 Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua.



Brew master Steve Sablan poses for a picture at the Saipan Brewing Co. booth.

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From left to right, Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Duenas, MVA managing director Chris Concepcion, 2017 hotdog-eating champion Raymond Emul, third placer Moses Buekis, and second placer Michael Harris pose with 2016 Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua.

CNMI govt recognizes its top employees

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will continue his visits to government agencies today as part of the ongoing effort to recognize the CNMI government's hardworking and longest-serving civil servants.

The celebration started last Thursday with Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog signing the proclamation declaring the 2017 Public Service Recognition Week celebration at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Last week's proclamation is a weeklong recognition of honoring hardworking government employees.

"I'll be going to every department and spending time with the employees. I look forward to acknowledging them," Torres said. "Hopefully I would get the chance to meet the nominees of each department to personally acknowledge their hard work."

Torres will lead the government in honoring the overall government employee of the year during the Labor Day weekend in September.

It is always a rewarding feeling for any employee to be recognized for their hard work, he said. "It has always been tough when everybody needs to be recognized. I wish we could give more awards to all government employees. Still, thank you to all of your hard work."

Torres first visited the Department of Public Safety while also honoring the employees and staff of their respective offices, before ending the day at the Legislative Bureau. On Saturday, it was the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and Department of Corrections' turn.

JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fourth from left, first lady Diann Torres, third from left, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, fifth from left, and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Luis John Castro, second from left, join the awardees in the Department of Public Safety on Thursday.

JON PEREZ

Legislative Bureau employees are recognized for their years of service. House sergeant-at-arms Pedro O. Towai, third from right, has more than 20 years of service with the bureau.

DPS gave out 49 service awards while more than 50 other employees in other departments or divisions—like CNMI Homeland Security and the Legislature—were also recognized on Thursday. More awards and recognition will be given to 18 other government agencies until Wednesday.

DPS Commissioner Robert Guerrero thanked Torres and Hocog for their support. "The employee of the year is for each division because everybody has done their part and put their share in."

For the service awards, the Office of Personnel Management chose the recipients, "but they [have served long] enough to earn [the honor]. They were selected among their peers and their peers know what they do in their respective divisions. I trust their judgment and they deserved to be recognized. OPM came out with the criteria and division directors came up with names," said Guerrero.

Service awards are given to government employees who have served the government for 10, 15, 20, and 25 years. Division heads or supervisors determine the employees of the year awardees.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold **a Special Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017, immediately follows after the Personnel Committee meeting set on the same day at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Reading of the Notice of the Agenda
D. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments**

III. Executive Session***
(To confer and seek advice from the Legal Counsel re specifically named Personnel Issues)

IV. Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda maybe modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission") hereby gives notice that the Commission will be meeting with the House Standing Committee on Gaming on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. The meeting is to update the Honorable members of the House Committee on Gaming on the status of the Saipan Casino industry as well as to answer questions and concerns regarding the proposed House Bill entitled "TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION AND TO MAKE NEEDED CHANGES TO THE COMMONWEALTH CODE GIVEN THE UNIQUE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF THE CASINO INDUSTRY IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES". No final action will be taken by the Commission at this meeting.

/s/ Juan M. Sablan
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2017 Marianas March Against Cancer

All 18 groups joined at the stage area for the awarding ceremony of the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer last Friday and Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School field.
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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, second from right, and first lady Diann Torres, right, have their picture taken with Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, second from left, his wife Villa Hocog, leftmost, and Saipan Mayor David Apatang at the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer last Friday at the Hopwood Middle School.
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Imperial Pacific International continues to support Marianas March Against Cancer. This year, IPI has extended anew its assistance through its Corporate Social Responsibility department. In this photo, Imperial Pacific CSR executive director Geri Dela Cruz and her team presented on behalf of the company a combination of $3000 in cash and in-kind donation.
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Plaques are rewarded last Friday to offices that helped oversee that the Marianas March Against Cancer like the Saipan Mayor's Office.
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Award winners of the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer pose for a photo with their plaques at the event's closing ceremony last Saturday.
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Plaques were rewarded to the leaders of the 18 teams that joined the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer last Saturday at the event's closing ceremony.
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Business

South Koreans want new leader to create jobs minus corruption

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Creating jobs, ending corruption and boosting stubbornly low birthrates should be high on a to-do list for South Korea's next president after a campaign mostly dominated by security and foreign policy issues.

There's concern that the economy will likely take a backseat to North Korea when South Koreans pick their next leader on Tuesday. Voters have been rattled by a row over who should foot the bill for a U.S. anti-missile system deployed in the country to defend against North Korean aggression, after President Donald Trump suggested that South Korea should pay more for U.S. security commitment.

Public demand for change in South Korea's economic system remains high as growth and wealth continue to be concentrated in the hands of top few family-run business giants known as chaebol. Anger over allegations of collusion between big businesses and the government helped trigger massive monthslong protests that led to the ouster of President Park Geun-hye in March and the arrest of the de-facto leader at Samsung, South Korea's largest business group.

Leading presidential contenders have tried to tap into the discontent over economic injustice, high youth unemployment and increased inequality between those with full-time jobs at chaebol and those who are underemployed or looking for work.

But the lack of concrete reform plans means that none of their economic agenda gained much attention during the campaign.

"Candidates fell short of expectations from the public and could not thoroughly cover the reform agenda to change the economic system," said Park Sang-in, a professor at Seoul National University's Graduate School of Public Administration. "Their talks on jobs and innovation were so superficial that they could not win public support."

On jobs, the two main contenders hold different views on what the government should do.

Moon Jae-in, the front-runner from the main opposition Democratic Party, believes that a bigger government would be better for creating jobs and says South Korea needs more public workers. His main rival Ahn Cheol-soo also puts jobs high on his policy agenda but says the government should not be heavy-handed in intervening in the private sector and instead focus on making the markets fair and friendlier for innovation.

"The origin of every crisis in South Korea is jobs," Moon said during an economic debate. "It is because economic growth has continued without creating jobs and markets have failed to create jobs for a long time."

Moon's campaign pledges include creating 810,000 jobs in the public sector, including bureaucrats, firefighters and social workers, at a cost of 4.2 trillion won ($3.7 billion) per year. Moon said he will add an extra budget of 10 trillion won ($8.8 billion) immediately once he takes office and a lion's share of that will be allocated for job creation.

Ahn's campaign has argued that Moon's approach is no different from the previous governments that have relied on chaebol for economic growth, showering them with special treatment that resulted in cozy ties that in many cases led to corruption.

Instead, his team supports the idea of easing regulations to encourage companies to take risks while the government focuses on supporting small firms.

US jobs data show some scars from recession finally healing

WASHINGTON (AP)—A burst of hiring in April provided reassurance for the U.S. economy after a slow start to the year: Job growth returned to a healthy pace. Unemployment hit a decade low. And the number of part-time workers who want full-time jobs reached its lowest point in nine years.

Employers last month added 211,000 jobs, more than double the weak showing in March, the Labor Department said Friday. And the unemployment rate dipped to 4.4 percent from 4.5 percent in March.

Taken as a whole, the April jobs report suggested that American businesses are confident enough in their outlook for customer demand to keep adding jobs briskly despite a slump in the January-March quarter when the economy barely grew.

The jobs report "does increase our confidence that the soft patch in the first quarter is over," Michael Gapen, an economist at Barclays Capital, said in an email to clients.

The gradual shift in hiring from part-time to full-time work is an encouraging one. It suggests that many businesses are meeting rising customer demand by expanding some employees' hours. During much of the economic recovery, the number of part-timers remained unusually high—one reason why steady job growth didn't produce sharp gains in pay or consumer spending.

The shift toward full-time work has also helped reduce a measure of the job market that includes people who aren't counted as unemployed: They are the part-time workers who want full-time jobs as well as people who have given up their job hunts.

This broader figure reached 8.6 percent in April, the lowest point since November 2007, just before the recession officially began. In 2009, it had topped 17 percent.

That broader measure has been cited by President Donald Trump and his advisers as a more accurate gauge of the job market's health than the unemployment rate.

So far, the job market under Trump closely resembles the one Barack Obama presided over. This year, employers have added an average of 185,000 jobs a month, matching last year's pace.

In his first 3½ months, Trump has sought to put his imprint on the economy. A deputy White House spokeswoman, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said falsely at a briefing for reporters Friday that job growth in April occurred "especially" in industries where the president has focused: Coal mining, construction and manufacturing. In fact, those three sectors accounted for less than 6 percent of April's job growth.

A representative of the White House, contacted later by The Associated Press, said that Sanders had misspoken.

Some of the job market's scars from the Great Recession have yet to heal. The proportion of Americans who either have jobs or are looking for one dipped in April to 62.9 percent from 63 percent. While that figure has improved over the past 18 months, it remains well below the prerecession level of 66 percent.

Nation

Dems see opposition to GOP health bill as winning issue

ATLANTA (AP)—It's "Trumpcare" now, and Republicans have to answer for it.

After dozens of symbolic votes, House Republicans finally pushed through a bill to gut Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, with President Donald Trump hailing the replacement as "a great plan" that has "really brought the Republican Party together."

Democrats are giddy about what could be severe political consequences for the GOP.

Even though the Senate still has to act, Republicans now largely own a measure that would curtail, and in some cases take away completely, benefits Americans have embraced after seven years. Chief among them: a guarantee of paying the same amount for coverage regardless of health history. Budget analysts estimate 24 million people would lose insurance over a decade, 14 million in the first year, and older Americans would face higher costs.

The Senate, meanwhile, will write its own health care bill, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said in Louisville while attending the Kentucky Derby. No timetable will be announced, McConnell said, and he added: "We don't anticipate any Democratic help at all, so it will be a simple majority vote situation."

In the House, 217 Republicans voted yes.

"Progressives are going to hang this around the necks of every one of those Republicans," said Angel Padilla, co-founder of the liberal group Indivisible. "These Republicans voted to take away peoples' health care. This is going to come back to bite them."

Democrats are convinced the GOP repeal bill jeopardizes the Republican monopoly in Washington, starting with majority control of the House, and the party's advantages in statehouses from Nevada to New Hampshire.

The potential fallout crystallized almost immediately.

Fundraising surged nationwide as new recruits stepped up to challenge vulnerable Republicans who backed the plan. Among the vulnerable: two-term Rep. Tom MacArthur, R-N.J., who helped revive the bill by authoring a key amendment on pre-existing conditions.

"We have an opportunity to take down the person who was the author of Trumpcare 2.0," said Democrat Andrew Kim, an Obama White House national security adviser, who said he's now more likely to challenge MacArthur next year. Kim raised more than $43,000 online over the last week for a possible run.

"He owns every part of this," Kim said of MacArthur.

Democrats need to flip 24 seats between now and the 2018 elections to take control of the House. Of the 217 Republicans who backed the bill, 14 come from districts carried by Democrat Hillary Clinton last fall, and 24 serve in districts where Trump did not win more than 50 percent of the vote.

Republican Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who is not seeking re-election next year, warned that the bill "has the potential to severely harm the health and lives of people in south Florida." Her open seat in Miami is considered a prime pick-up opportunity for Democrats.

Next month, Democrats and Republicans face a showdown over a House seat in the Atlanta suburbs. Georgia Democrat Jon Ossoff, who is trying to score a special election upset in a traditionally conservative House district, said he strongly opposes "discrimination" over pre-existing conditions in response to the vote.

Outside groups prepared to launch an advertising campaign in the coming days to punish vulnerable Republicans in key states. The television and online blitz is expected to seize on the more unpopular provisions in the GOP plan, which was opposed by the AARP, the American Medical Association, which represents doctors, and the American Hospital Association.

The plan to repeal and replace Obamacare

House Republicans voted for a plan to repeal and reaplce the Affordable Care Act with a bill called the American Health Care Act. Here's a look at how the bill addresses the key elements of the ACA.

	Affordable Care Act	American Health Care Act
Guaranteed coverage	Prohibited insurers from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions	Possible waivers to some rules regarding pre-existing conditions
Individual mandate	Required Americans to have health insurance, or pay a penalty on annual taxes.	Requires insurers to charge consumers a 30% fee if they enroll after not having insurance for two months
Medicaid	Offered states money to expand Medicaid to poor childless adults	Phases out additional funding starting in 2020; replaces funding model based on health care used by enrollees, instead providing a fixed amount based on the number of enrollees in Medicaid in each state
Insurance marketplaces	Online markets allowing consumers to compare plans; plans on exchange required to provide certain basic benefits, and insurers are prohibited from imposing lifetime or annual limits on coverage and charging older consumers more than three times what they charge younger consumers.	Preserves the marketplaces, but states would be able to seek waivers to rules regarding essential benefits and higher premiums for older consumers.
Subsidies	Subsidies are provided to people making less than $48,000 a year who buy insurance on the marketplace. People who make less get larger subsidies than those who make an amount closer to $48,000, and subsidies are also adjusted based on local health care costs.	The subsidies are replaced with a tax credit based on age. People over 60 could get as much as $4,000 annually, and credits could be as low as $2,000 for people under 30. Credits would be phased out for higher income households.
Taxes	To pay for subsidies, new taxes on insurance and medical device companies were enacted; Medicare payroll taxes also increased for wealthy Americans.	Repeal of tax increases.

Source: Los Angeles Times reporting Graphic: Tribune News Service

Asia

UN expert in PH rebukes Duterte's war on drugs

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The U.N.'s investigator on extrajudicial executions issued a veiled rebuke Friday of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's deadly campaign against illegal drugs, saying world leaders have recognized that such an approach does not work.

Agnes Callamard, the U.N. special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions, told a forum in Manila that badly thought out policies not only fail to address drug abuse and trafficking, they also compound the problems and "can foster a regime of impunity infecting the whole justice sector and reaching into whole societies, invigorating the rule of violence rather than law."

She did not mention the Philippines by name.

Callamard was an early critic of the Philippine president's anti-drug drive, and has been challenged by Duterte to a debate on his campaign, which has left thousands of suspected drug dealers and users dead since he took office in June.

Human rights groups say 7,000 to 9,000 have been killed, but the government refutes that, releasing data this week showing nearly 4,600 people were killed in police operations and homicides found to be drug-related.

AP

Agnes Callamard, U.N. special rapporteur on extrajudicial executions, talks to the media after her speech at a drug policy forum at University of the Philippines, Friday, May 5, 2017 in suburban Quezon city, northeast of Manila, Philippines.

"In 2016, the general assembly of the world's government recognized explicitly that the 'war on drugs' — be it community based, national or global — does not work," Callamard said.

She said U.N. member countries, in their joint commitment to counter the world drug problem, called instead for a multifaceted and scientific approach that promotes the dignity and human rights of individuals and communities.

She said poorly conceived policies escalate problems including extrajudicial killings, slayings by criminal gangs, vigilante crimes, detention in rehabilitation centers without trial or evaluation and the breakdown of the rule of law.

Duterte spokesman Ernesto Abella expressed disappointment that Callamard did not contact the government before her visit, saying "she has sent a clear signal that she is not interested in getting an objective perspective of issues that are the focus of her responsibility."

He said the government sent a letter to Callamard in September inviting her to visit and meet with officials to get their perspective on the drug menace. Abella failed to mention that Duterte earlier rejected Callamard's proposal to hold a private meeting and instead insisted on a public debate with her.

Callamard refused to answer questions from media Friday except to say that she was in the country in an unofficial capacity, solely to attend a two-day academic conference at the invitation of the University of the Philippines and human rights lawyers.

S. Korean conservative eyes upset in presidential vote

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean opinion polls suggest that the fall of Park Geun-hye, the country's ousted, jailed president now awaiting a corruption trial, has doomed conservatives in next week's presidential election.

An outspoken former governor, who touts himself as a "strongman," looks to win an upset in next Tuesday's election—and lift conservatives from a freefall.

The emergence of Hong Joon-pyo, 62, who represents Park's Liberty Korea Party, is perhaps the most surprising development of the two-month presidential race following Park's removal in March.

His rise shows that despite the street protests by millions that triggered Park's ouster, South Korea remains deeply split over its future, something that will likely hamper whoever becomes its next leader.

Hong, formerly the governor of South Gyeongsang Province, has been trying to ride the public's growing fear over North Korea's nuclear weapons and missiles. He also says he can hold his own against other "nationalist" leaders in Washington, Tokyo and Beijing.

Hong calls for the United States to bring back tactical nuclear weapons to South Korea after withdrawing such weapons in the 1990s, and also promises to create a marine special operations force capable of infiltrating North Korea and removing its leadership in the event of war.

He talks about holding a summit with President Donald Trump on the USS Carl Vinson, an aircraft carrier the U.S. recently sent to Korean waters in a show of force against North Korea.

He also wants to revive death penalties for those convicted of heinous crimes, although South Korea hasn't executed anyone since 1997.

Recent polls have measured Hong's support in the mid-to-high teens, still far behind liberal front-runner Moon Jae-in, whose support is in the high 30s. But Hong has cut into the second-place status of centrist Ahn Cheol-soo, whose support was around 20 percent, a troubling sign for Ahn's hopes to absorb conservative voters disappointed with Park.

Hong's supporters see a rare conservative candidate who can appeal to low-income voters. They point to his straight-talking style and campaign promises to create jobs for young people and help poor families and the elderly.

His critics view him as an obnoxious throwback to an era where conservative politicians launched McCarthyist attacks on liberal rivals to win elections. Hong is also undergoing a trial over allegations that he received around 100 million won ($88,000) in bribes from a businessman who committed suicide in 2015.

World

Nigeria says 82 Chibok girls free in Boko Haram exchange

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—Eighty-two Chibok schoolgirls seized three years ago by Boko Haram have been freed in exchange for detained suspects with the extremist group, Nigeria's government announced early Sunday, in the largest release negotiated yet in the battle to save nearly 300 girls whose mass abduction exposed the mounting threat posed by the Islamic State-linked fighters.

The statement from the office of President Muhammadu Buhari was the first confirmation that his government had made a swap for the girls. After an initial release of 21 Chibok girls in October, the government denied making an exchange or paying ransom.

The April 2014 abduction by Boko Haram brought the extremist group's rampage in northern Nigeria to world attention and, for families of the schoolgirls, began years marked with heartbreak.

Some relatives did not live long enough to see their daughters released. Many of the captive girls, most of them Christians, were forced to marry their captors and give birth to children in remote forest hideouts without ever knowing if they would see their parents again. It is feared that other girls were strapped with explosives and sent on missions as suicide bombers.

As word of the latest release emerged, long-suffering family members said they were eagerly awaiting a list of names and "our hopes and expectations are high."

Before Saturday's release, 195 of the girls had remained captive. Now 113 of the girls remain unaccounted for.

The freed girls were expected to meet with Buhari on Sunday in the capital, Abuja.

A Nigerian military official with direct knowledge of the rescue operation said the freed girls were found near the town of Banki in Borno state near Cameroon.

"The location of the girls kept changing since yesterday when the operation to rescue them commenced," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make the announcement.

Boko Haram remains active in that area. On Friday, the United States and Britain issued warnings that the extremist group was actively planning to kidnap foreigners in an area of Borno state "along the Kumshe-Banki axis."

The 276 schoolgirls kidnapped from Chibok in 2014 are among thousands of people abducted by Boko Haram over the years.

The mass abduction shocked the world, sparking a global #Bringbackourgirls campaign supported by former U.S. first lady Michelle Obama and other celebrities. It has put tremendous pressure on Nigeria's government to counter the extremist group, which has roamed large parts of the north and into neighboring countries.

"This is a very, very exciting news for us that we have over 80 of our girls coming back again," Bukky Shonibare with the #BringBackOurGirls campaign told Sky TV. "Their life in captivity has been one that depicts suffering, it depicts the fact that they have been starved, abused, and as we have seen before some of those girls have come back with children, and some of them have also come back with news of how they have been sexually abused."

The latest negotiations were again mediated by the Swiss government and the International Committee of the Red Cross, Nigeria's government said.

At the initial release of girls in October, the government said the release of another 83 would be coming soon. But at the three-year anniversary of the kidnapping in April, the government said negotiations had "gone quite far" but faced challenges.

Israel-Germany row shines spotlight on anti-occupation group

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—Former Israeli combat soldiers who were thrust into the center of a recent diplomatic row between Israel and Germany, say the sudden international spotlight has given them a bigger stage to speak out against Israel's 50-year rule over millions of Palestinians.

Breaking the Silence is a group of ex-soldiers-turned-whistleblowers who view Israel's open-ended occupation of lands sought for a Palestinian state as an existential threat to their country.

Since 2004, the group has collected testimony from more than 1,100 fellow soldiers who describe the dark side of that rule, including seemingly routine mistreatment of Palestinian civilians stripped of basic rights. The veterans hope such accounts by former fighters will carry weight and spark public debate about the moral price of the occupation.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and top officials in his nationalist government have a starkly different view. They have branded Breaking the Silence as foreign-funded subversives who are trying to defame Israel and its military.

Most recently, Netanyahu even seemed willing to rattle Israel's relationship with key European ally Germany to score points against Breaking the Silence, which has 16 paid staffers, several dozen volunteers and an annual budget of about $2 million.

Two weeks ago, he said he would not receive German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel if the visitor stuck to plans to meet with Breaking the Silence. Gabriel chose the soldiers instead. Netanyahu, who also serves as foreign minister, said that shunning visitors who meet with Breaking the Silence is now official policy.

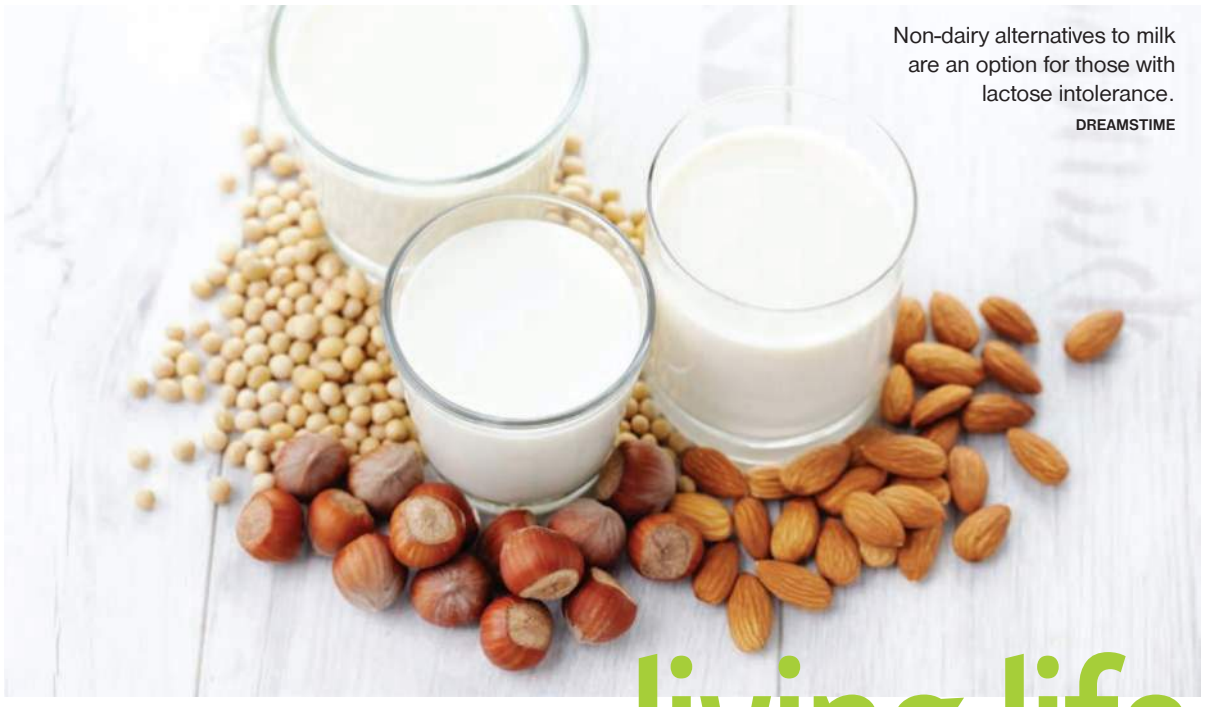
The fallout continues this week. The dispute has cast a shadow over what would otherwise have been a routine Israel visit by German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier. Media reports suggest Steinmeier will praise the group during a speech Sunday, but not meet with its representatives to avoid another spat with Netanyahu.

Yehuda Shaul, a co-founder of Breaking the Silence, said the recent attention has been a mixed blessing.

The focus on the diplomatic dust-up "diverts a lot of attention from the real issue, what goes on in the occupied territories," he said in an interview at the group's office, tucked away in an old walk-up in a grubby industrial area of Tel Aviv.

"On the other hand, it gives us more stages to speak about it," said Shaul, citing more media attention and public speaking invitations that draw larger audiences.

Health & Fitness



Non-dairy alternatives to milk are an option for those with lactose intolerance.
DREAMSTIME

Home remedies: living life with lactose intolerance

People with lactose intolerance are unable to fully digest the sugar (lactose) in milk. As a result, they have diarrhea, gas and bloating after eating or drinking dairy products.

The condition, which is also called lactose malabsorption, is usually harmless, but its symptoms can be uncomfortable.

A deficiency of lactase—an enzyme produced in your small intestine—is usually responsible for lactose intolerance. Many people have low levels of lactase but are able to digest milk products without problems. If you're actually lactose intolerant, though, your lactase deficiency leads to symptoms after you eat dairy foods.

Most people with lactose intolerance can manage the condition without having to give up all dairy foods.

With some trial and error, you may be able to predict your body's response to different foods containing lactose and figure out how much you can eat or drink without discomfort. Few people have such severe lactose intolerance that they have to cut out all milk products and be wary of nondairy foods or medications that contain lactose.

The signs and symptoms of lactose intolerance usually begin 30 minutes to two hours after eating or drinking foods that contain lactose. Common signs and symptoms include:

- Diarrhea
- Nausea, and sometimes, vomiting
- Abdominal cramps
- Bloating
- Gas

Ways to change your diet to minimize symptoms of lactose intolerance include:

- Limit dairy products

Most people with lactose intolerance can enjoy some milk products without symptoms. It may be possible to increase your tolerance to dairy products by gradually introducing them into your diet. Some people find that they can tolerate full-fat dairy products, such as whole milk and cheese, more easily than dairy products with no or reduced fat.

- Choosing smaller servings of dairy. Sip small servings of milk—up to 4 ounces (118 milliliters) at a time. The smaller the serving, the less likely it is to cause gastrointestinal problems.
- Saving milk for mealtimes. Drink milk with other foods. This slows the digestive process and may lessen symptoms of lactose intolerance.
- Experimenting with an assortment of dairy products. Not all dairy products have the same amount of lactose. For example, hard cheeses, such as Swiss or cheddar, have small amounts of lactose and generally cause no symptoms. You may be able to tolerate cultured milk products, such as yogurt, because the bacteria used in the culturing process naturally produce the enzyme that breaks down lactose.
- Buying lactose-reduced or lactose-free products. You can find these products at most supermarkets in the refrigerated dairy section.
- Using lactase enzyme tablets or drops. Over-the-counter tablets or drops containing the lactase enzyme (Dairy Ease, Lactaid, others) may help you digest dairy products. You can take tablets just before a meal or snack. Or the drops can be added to a carton of milk. Not everyone with lactose intolerance is helped by these products.

MAINTAIN GOOD NUTRITION

Reducing the dairy products doesn't mean you can't get enough calcium. Calcium is found in many other foods, such as:

- Broccoli
- Calcium-fortified products, such as breads and juices
- Canned salmon
- Milk substitutes, such as soy milk and rice milk
- Oranges
- Pinto beans
- Rhubarb
- Spinach

Also make sure you get enough vitamin D, which is typically supplied in fortified milk. Eggs, liver and yogurt also contain vitamin D, and your body makes vitamin D when you spend time in the sun. Even without restricting dairy foods, though, many adults don't get enough vitamin D. Talk to your doctor about taking vitamin D and calcium supplements to be sure.

WHEN TO SEE A DOCTOR

Make an appointment with your doctor if you frequently have symptoms of lactose intolerance after eating dairy foods, particularly if you're worried about getting enough calcium. ***(Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)***

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Partner kisses dog, then you.

How to handle it

By ANDREEA CIULAC
CHICAGO TRIBUNE/TNS

Q How do you tell your partner you're not comfortable with him or her kissing the dog on the mouth?

Dog kisses on the mouth can be so laden with germs and bacteria that a good toothbrush and toothpaste with a mouthwash that contains antiseptic are required before the next human kiss.

Be direct and firm with your partner.

Let him or her know that you cannot kiss the same mouth that just kissed a puppy or a dog on the mouth, because you are concerned about the transmission of unwanted viruses and germs.

You might say, "I know how much you love your dog, and that is a wonderful relationship to have with your pet. I am really concerned about you kissing the dog and then kissing me. I need you to respect my feelings about this." Add that you are not against petting the dog.

— Jody Haas-Wolfson, certified dog trainer and owner of ROOT Dog Training

The research on whether kisses from Fido pose health threats is mixed, but generally speaking, caution is recommended.

I would suggest treating this like other issues that require compromise in a relationship, especially with respect to cleanliness.

Talk directly and openly with your partner about your discomfort with dog kisses on the mouth, and the general reasons behind what makes you uncomfortable.

Some people, especially those who did not grow up with dogs, find their partner's comparative lack of concern about what a pet sniffs, licks or eats a bit too much.

Say something along the lines of: "I love you, and I love the dog, but I think there's an important difference in how we express our love for our pet." Decoupling love for the dog from the discomfort with dog kisses on the mouth may make the conversation easier and more constructive. A nonjudgmental stance would likely be helpful too.

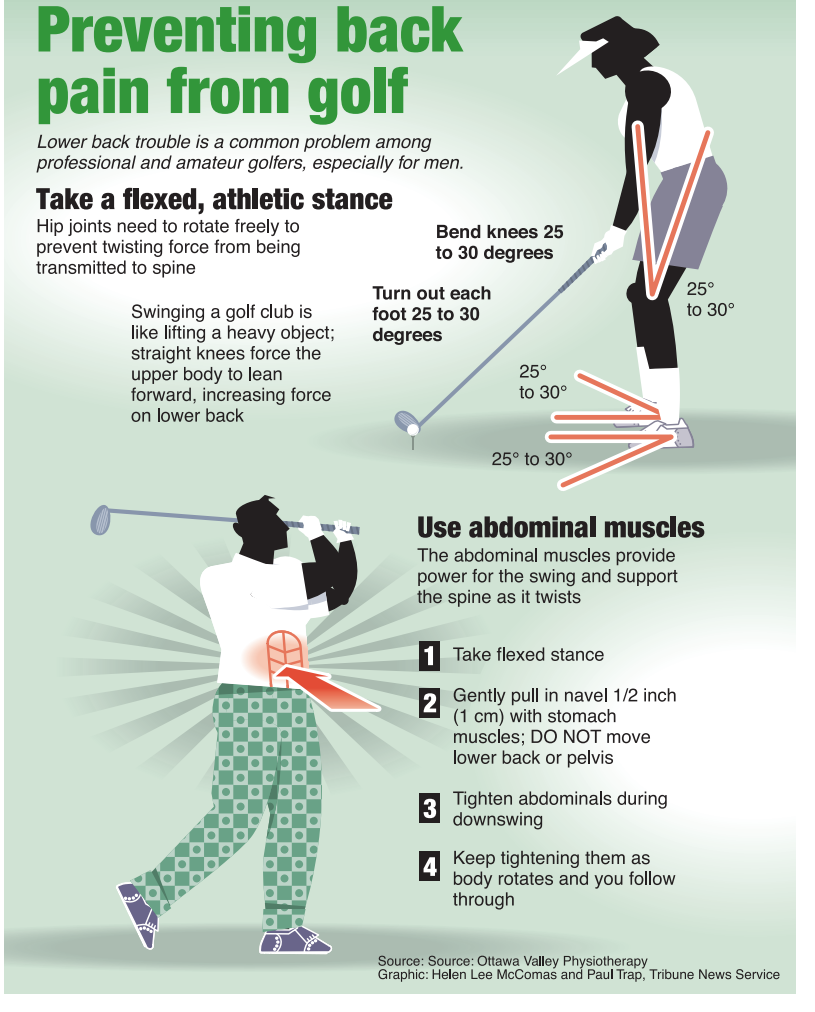
Underscore that your discomfort with such expressions of affection doesn't mean you don't love and adore the dog. Sensitivity here is key, and so is taking your partner's point of view. Keep in mind that, for many people, kissing their dog is the same as kissing their baby.

— Dr. Vinita Mehta, clinical psychologist specializing in depression, life transitions and relationship issues

Personal Trainer

Preventing back pain from golf

Lower back trouble is a common problem among professional and amateur golfers, especially for men.


Take a flexed, athletic stance
Hip joints need to rotate freely to prevent twisting force from being transmitted to spine
Bend knees 25 to 30 degrees
Turn out each foot 25 to 30 degrees
Swinging a golf club is like lifting a heavy object; straight knees force the upper body to lean forward, increasing force on lower back
25° to 30°
25° to 30°
25° to 30°
Use abdominal muscles
The abdominal muscles provide power for the swing and support the spine as it twists
1 Take flexed stance
2 Gently pull in navel 1/2 inch (1 cm) with stomach muscles; DO NOT move lower back or pelvis
3 Tighten abdominals during downswing
4 Keep tightening them as body rotates and you follow through

Source: Source: Ottawa Valley Physiotherapy
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas and Paul Trap, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Online book club for Harry Potter fans to launch in June

NEW YORK (AP)—J.K. Rowling is launching a free online book club for fans and newcomers to her "Harry Potter" series.

The Wizarding World Book Club will launch in June in celebration of the 20th anniversary of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," the first in what would become a seven-book series.

The online community "aims to surprise and delight those who have never read a Harry Potter book, as well as returning readers who want to join the conversation," says Pottermore, Rowling's digital publishing arm.

The club says its goal is to "create a global community of Harry Potter readers who are communicating with each other as they are reading the same book, at the same time."

CBS, NBC also refuse to air Trump advertisement

NEW YORK (AP)—ABC, CBS and NBC have joined CNN in refusing to air an advertisement that lists President Donald Trump's accomplishments during his administration's first 100 days while blaming the "fake news" media for not reporting on them.

A "fake news" graphic superimposed over the faces of news anchors was cited by CNN, ABC and NBC for not airing the ad. The networks contend that makes it inaccurate, and ABC said it represents a personal attack. CBS would not comment Friday on its reasons for the rejection.

The journalists whose faces are seen in the commercial are Andrea Mitchell of NBC, Wolf Blitzer of CNN, Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, Scott Pelley of CBS and George Stephanopoulos of ABC.

"Apparently, the mainstream media are champions of the First Amendment only when it serves their own political views," said Lara Trump, a daughter-in-law of the president who serves as a consultant to the Trump campaign. Already up and running for 2020, the campaign has used the refusal in fundraising pleas to potential donors.

The campaign also submitted a list of examples for each network of what it contended were falsehoods by their anchors and reporters, according to a person with access to the documents. The person was not authorized to discuss the material by name and requested anonymity.

Some of the examples were more about how news was presented than about facts: Sean Hannity's complaint about CBS' editing of his "60 Minutes" interview and criticism of how Maddow reported on a Trump tax document.

The ad has run on Fox News Channel and the Fox Business Network. The Trump campaign did not seek ad time on the Fox broadcast network, which doesn't have a regular newscast.

BOX OFFICE WINNER

This image released by Disney-Marvel shows, from left, Zoe Saldana, Karen Gillan, Chris Pratt, Dave Bautista and Rocket, voiced by Bradley Cooper, in a scene from, "Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 2." "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" has rocketed to a $17 million opening night, beating out early showings of the first film. Disney reported the sales estimate for Thursday night, May 4, 2017, preview screenings on Friday morning. The sequel's Thursday night earnings are the biggest of the year so far. The sequel is the biggest opening night earner of the year so far. The first "Guardians" film was a surprise blockbuster for many, transforming a little-known band of Marvel superheroes into household names. It earned $11.2 million on its opening night. Both films were directed by James Gunn, who has already signed on to direct a third "Guardians" film. Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana star in the franchise, which will become interwoven into Marvel's hit "Avengers" franchise in future films. ComScore figures show the first "Guardians" film earned $93.3 million in its opening weekend. AP

Country legend Loretta Lynn hospitalized after having stroke

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country music legend Loretta Lynn has been hospitalized after having a stroke, her publicist said Friday.

Maria Malta, a publicist for Sony Music, confirmed that the 85-year-old singer and songwriter was admitted into a Nashville hospital Thursday night after suffering the stroke at her home in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee.

Lynn's website says she is responsive and expected to make a full recovery.

It says Lynn has been advised by doctors to stay off the road while she recuperates, and upcoming scheduled shows will be postponed.

Lynn's sister, the Grammy-winning singer Crystal Gayle, said in a statement emailed by her publicist, "Many of you have heard that my sister, Loretta Lynn, had a stroke. She's a strong woman and I know she'll come out of this. Our family appreciates your prayers, love and support. We pray for a speedy recovery."

Born a Kentucky coal miner's daughter, Lynn had a string of hits starting in the 1960s with the biographical "Coal Miner's Daughter," ''You Ain't Woman Enough," ''The Pill," and "One's on the Way." Her songs reflect pride in her humble background and speak frankly of her experiences as a young wife and mother from poor Appalachia.

Her 1977 autobiography was made into a popular movie that brought an Oscar for Sissy Spacek's portrayal of the singer. More recently, Lynn won two Grammy Awards in 2005 for her album "Van Lear Rose."

She continues to tour and record regularly, but had to postpone shows last year after suffering injuries in a fall that required surgery. She is set to release a new album this August, called "Wouldn't It Be Great," and she will be the subject of a new exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum also in August.

Streisand ponders 'what might have been' with Clinton

NEW YORK (AP)—Barbra Streisand usually talks to her audience, but Saturday night she had a special message for two guests: Bill and Hillary Clinton.

Streisand gave former president and former Democratic presidential candidate much more than a shout out at her concert at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, her hometown.

She noted that she performed at President Clinton's inauguration and then went on to list his accomplishments, including lowering taxes for some and raising taxes on the rich.

"And speaking of taxes, he showed us his tax returns," she said, a dig at Republican President Donald Trump, who has refused to release his.

She also introduced Hillary Clinton as "the winner of our country's popular vote."

She later talked about hearing a recent interview by Hillary Clinton and said it "makes us yearn for what could have been, what should have been. I was thrilled to hear yourself describe yourself as an activist citizen and part of the resistance."

Taking another shot at Trump and his tweeting habits, she quipped: "Usually when a man that age is up at 4 a.m., he forgot to take his Flomax," referring to a medication to treat the prostate.

Despite the Trump barbs, she called for a bridging of the political divide before breaking into "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Streisand had been a longtime Democratic fundraiser and supporter, and friend of the Clintons.

Streisand, who recently turned 75, was doing two dates in the New York City area, calling it a mini-tour. She hinted it could be her last.

When the audience moaned, she shrugged her shoulders and said, "You know — other things to do."

LIFE & STYLE TIDBITS

Diane Keaton to receive AFI Life Achievement Award

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Diane Keaton will receive the American Film Institute's highest honor next month. AFI announced Friday that Keaton will accept its 45th Life Achievement Award during a gala tribute in Los Angeles on June 8. The starry dinner ceremony will air as a special on TNT later in June. The 71-year-old Keaton won an Academy Award for playing the title character in "Annie Hall" and has three other lead actress Oscar nominations. Previous recipients of the AFI Life Achievement Award include George Lucas, Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Mel Brooks and Jane Fonda.

Conrad Hilton arrested for alleged car theft in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paris Hilton's younger brother, Conrad Hilton, has been arrested in Los Angeles for allegedly stealing a car and violating an ex-girlfriend's restraining order. Police say the 23-year-old Hilton Hotel heir was arrested shortly before 5 a.m. Saturday at a home in the Hollywood Hills. He allegedly was in a Bentley owned by his ex-girlfriend's father. Hilton was booked for grand theft auto and violating a restraining order and jailed on $60,000 bail. It wasn't immediately clear whether he had obtained a lawyer. Hilton has had a series of run-ins with the law. He was arrested two years ago inside his ex-girlfriend's home. He also received probation for threatening British Airways flight attendants. Last year, he spent two months in jail for violating that probation by using cocaine and other drugs.

Kanye West's Twitter, Instagram accounts go dark

Kanye West has apparently deleted his Twitter and Instagram accounts. Both accounts went dark sometime Friday, for unknown reasons. A representative for the rapper did not immediately respond to an email asking for comment Saturday. West did not attend the Met Gala on Monday evening. His wife, Kim Kardashian West, was there with her sisters, and said her husband was at home. She said he'd been "taking some time off and really loving that." In November, West was admitted to UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles for sleep deprivation and exhaustion, later canceling his Saint Pablo tour. The next month, the rapper made a highly publicized visit to then President-elect Donald Trump at Trump Tower. He explained the visit in a series of tweets but later deleted them. ***(AP)***

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Canada's Trudeau sports Star Wars socks on May the 4th

MONTREAL (AP)—Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has shown off his Star Wars fandom by sporting socks featuring R2-D2 and C-3PO during a meeting with Ireland's prime minister on the unofficial Star Wars holiday. May 4, as in "May the Fourth Be With You," has become a day to celebrate all things Star Wars. Trudeau made sure to show his spirit despite a high-profile meeting with Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny in Montreal Thursday. Photos show of the event show Trudeau wearing the mismatched Star Wars-themed footwear. One sock shows off the golden C-3PO, while blue-and-white R2-D2 is on the other foot. Trudeau later tweeted a photo with the note: "These are the socks you're looking for," a play on one of Alec Guinness' lines in the original 1977 film.

Vogue's Anna Wintour made a dame by Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON (AP)—Britain's monarch has met a queen of the fashion world, as Vogue editor Anna Wintour was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II. Wintour was made a dame—female equivalent of a knight—for services to fashion and journalism in a Buckingham Palace ceremony on Friday. The U.K.-born editor arrived wearing her ever-present sunglasses, but removed them before entering the palace ballroom. She said afterward that the queen had struggled to find a place to pin the insignia on Wintour's pink belted Chanel outfit. Wintour said she also congratulated the queen on Prince Philip's long public service, calling him "an inspiration to us all." The queen's husband, who is 95, announced Thursday that he will retire from public engagements in the fall.

Jerry Garcia's guitar truckin' to auction, could fetch $1M

NEW YORK (AP)—Jerry Garcia's custom-made guitar is truckin' to auction in New York City. The Grateful Dead frontman's guitar is called Wolf. Guernsey's auction house says it'll be offered May 31 at Brooklyn Bowl, a bowling alley, restaurant and venue for music shows. The proceeds will go to the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center . The guitar is being sold by devoted Deadhead Daniel Pritzker. The philanthropist, musician and film director bought it in 2002 at Guernsey's for $790,000. It could exceed $1 million this time. The auctioneer says Wolf first appeared in a 1973 New York performance the Grateful Dead gave for the Hells Angels. Garcia played Wolf everywhere from San Francisco's Winterland Ballroom to New York's Palladium and Egypt's Great Pyramids. The 1977 film "The Grateful Dead Movie" was directed by Garcia and features extensive Wolf footage. Garcia died in 1995.

Amanpour to address graduates at Northeastern University

BOSTON (AP)—Northeastern University's newest graduates will hear from journalist Christiane Amanpour. Amanpour, who is CNN's chief international correspondent, is scheduled to speak Friday at Northeastern's graduation ceremony at TD Garden arena in Boston. Over a career spanning three decades, Amanpour has covered major world events in countries including Iraq, Afghanistan and North Korea. She has won a range of TV journalism awards, including 11 News and Documentary Emmy Awards and four Peabody Awards. She also hosts the CNN global affairs show "Amanpour." Amanpour is expected to address a crowd of 20,000 at the private university's graduation ceremony and will also be awarded an honorary degree.

Rapper T.I.: 'I have 2 or 3 albums left in me'

ATLANTA (AP)—Rapper T.I. says he only plans to release about two or three more albums. He told The Associated Press in a recent interview that he expects to release an album revolving around "trap music" this year. He's released nine full-length albums so far, and says he has "two or three albums left in him." The 36-year-old added: "But it's definitely time to transition." The rapper-actor has the future album titles figured out, calling them "Trap Music," ''Dope Boy Meets Girl" and "Kill the King." T.I.'s hits include "What You Know," ''Whatever You Like" and "Live Your Life." Last year he released the politically-charged projects "Us or Else" and "Us or Else: Letter to the System." They served as inspiration for his short film, "Us or Else," which debuted on BET last week.

Michelle Obama: My passion for education will linger on

NEW YORK (AP)—Former first lady Michelle Obama said Friday that her departure from the White House won't end her passion for education. She made the comment at a New York City event marking College Signing Day, a nationwide tradition she began participating in as first lady to encourage young people to seek higher education. It was the fourth year she had participated. "I might not live in the White House anymore, but Barack and I are going to keep on celebrating you all and supporting you and lifting you up no matter what house we live in," Michelle Obama said. "Our belief in the power of education to transform your lives is real and it's going to be at core of everything that we do going forward." The event was held at the Public Theater in Manhattan with a host of celebrities, including "Good Morning America" anchor Robin Roberts, former NBC news anchor Tamron Hall, supermodel Ashley Graham and designer Nate Berkus. Michelle Obama avoided addressing politics or President Donald Trump during her brief remarks.

Posthumous works from South America win translation awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Two posthumous works from South America have won Best Translated Book Awards: a novel by the late Lucio Cardoso of Brazil and poetry by the late Alejandra Pizarnik of Argentina. Cardoso's "Chronicle of the Murdered House," translated from the Portuguese by Margaret Jull Costa and Robin Patterson, won for fiction. Pizarnik's "Extracting the Stone of Madness," translated from the Spanish by Yvette Siegert, won for poetry. Each winning book receives $10,000, the prize money provided by Amazon.com. The awards are presented by Three Percent, a resource for international literature that is based at the University of Rochester.

WALK OF FAME AP

Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell attend a ceremony honoring the couple with stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Thursday, May 4, 2017, in Los Angeles.

Reader's critism stings hard-working young writer

DEAR ABBY: I'm a columnist who writes various news, feature and column stories. The other day, I received my first criticism. A reader chewed me out for challenging their program.

It's hard being a young writer. Facing criticism for doing my job makes it even harder. I work long hours and pour my life into my work.

After being chewed out, I couldn't get past it. I suffer from severe anxiety, so everything gets to me. I sit here every day thinking about how I'm not going to let this irritate me anymore, but it still does. How can I let this go?

STRESSED REPORTER

DEAR STRESSED: Criticism goes with the territory. If you think readers are going to fill your inbox with nothing but praise for your efforts every day, you are in the wrong business. The way to get beyond this would be to ask yourself whether the criticism was valid. If it was, then learn from it. If it wasn't, realize that by dwelling on negativity, you hurt only yourself.

You should discuss your extreme anxiety with a licensed mental health professional. If you cannot break this self-defeating pattern, consider switching to another kind of writing, because constantly second-guessing yourself will only hold you back in your career.

DEAR ABBY: I was about to break off the relationship with my girlfriend two years ago, right before she was diagnosed with cancer. Because of the diagnosis, I decided to stay while she was fighting.

After two years of chemo, radiation and many, many surgeries, she's still fighting hard and may beat it. But I'm ready to move on with my life. Do I need to stay in the relationship until there's some type of conclusion with her cancer?

ON HOLD IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ON HOLD: Considering that you were about to break up with this woman before she was diagnosed, I commend you for staying as long as you have. Your girlfriend could live this way for many more years to come. After two years, you should have a right to enjoy your own life. It might lessen the blow if you assure her that you are not abandoning her, and although your relationship may be changing, you will continue to be her supportive friend.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I argue over which way to put the silverware in the dishwasher. He says when he worked in restaurants he was told to put the handles down. I was taught by my Gramma to put the handles up, so when you grab the utensils to put them away you're not touching the part that goes in your mouth.

I said, "Well, when you're doing the dishes, do them your way, and when I do them, I'll do it my way." But, of course, we spend a lot of time rearranging each other's silverware. What's the correct way?

JOELLE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR JOELLE: The answer to your question should be as simple as consulting the user handbook that came with your dishwasher. Most, if not all, brands caution owners to put knives in the basket with the points facing down. However, to prevent "nesting," spoons and forks will get optimum water pressure if they are facing up.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Pastimes

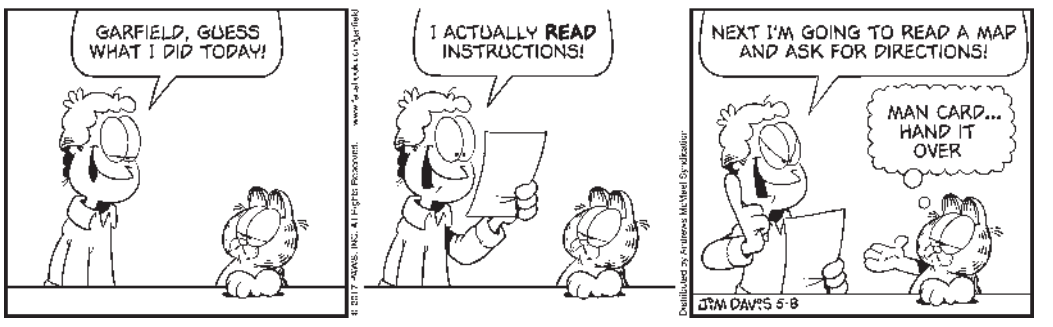
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I CAN'T GET THIS STUPID HAIR TO COMB RIGHT.
SEE HOW IT STICKS OUT IN BACK?
MAYBE YOU NEED A HAIRCUT.
YEAH, BUT BARBERS NEVER CUT IT THE WAY I WANT.
BOY, WHAT A GREAT IDEA! THANKS!
THIS IS EASY! YOU REALLY THINK YOUR MOM WILL PAY ME EIGHT BUCKS?

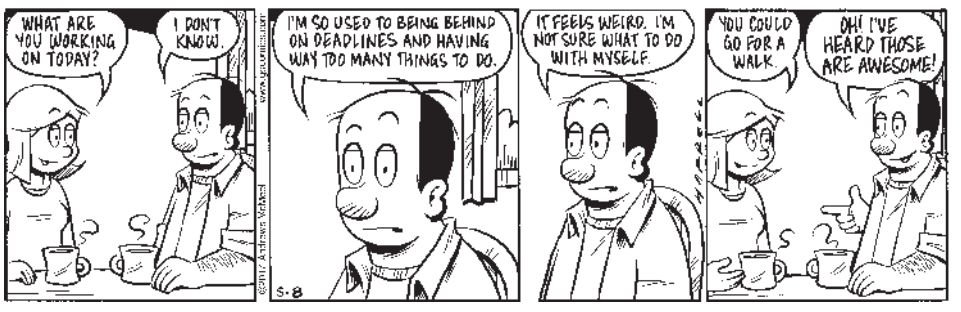
Garfield®

By Jim Davis


GARFIELD, GUESS WHAT I DID TODAY!
I ACTUALLY READ INSTRUCTIONS!
NEXT I'M GOING TO READ A MAP AND ASK FOR DIRECTIONS!
MAN CARD... HAND IT OVER
JIM DAVIS 5-8

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON TODAY?
I DON'T KNOW.
I'M SO USED TO BEING BEHIND ON DEADLINES AND HAVING WAY TOO MANY THINGS TO DO.
IT FEELS WEIRD. I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF.
YOU COULD GO FOR A WALK.
OH! I'VE HEARD THOSE ARE AWESOME!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Energy
4 Get — of (obtain)
9 Allow
12 Rainbow shape
13 More achy
14 Flamenco cheer
15 Business school research
17 Victory
18 Young lion
19 Least normal
21 City near Seattle
24 Close
25 Docs' org.
26 Ordinal suffix
28 Recess
31 Proboscis
33 Jump
35 Author Bellow
36 Shorthand creator
38 Scrap
40 NBC show since 1975
41 "Encore!"
43 Baby hooters
45 Dissertation
47 By way of
48 Skedaddle
49 Walkway between floors
54 PC key
55 Tennis legend Ivan
56 Bashful
57 More (Sp.)
58 Affirmatives
59 Weeding tool

DOWN

1 Efron of "Neighbors"
2 Nest egg acronym
3 Mac alternatives
4 Take for granted
5 Relaxing tub session
6 Tulsa sch.
7 Enticed
8 "Annus Mirabilis" poet
9 Not capitalized
10 Yale students
11 Camper's shelter
16 Green prefix
20 Lectern locale
21 Tart flavor
22 Latin love
23 Hinged windows
27 "Yoo- —!"
29 Quest
30 Right angles
32 Swelled heads
34 Furnish
37 Macabre
39 Does baton tricks
42 Lauder of cosmetics
44 Varnish ingredient
45 Streetcar
46 Luau entertainment
50 Reply (Abbr.)
51 Fireplace residue
52 HBO rival
53 Storm center

Solution time: 26 mins.

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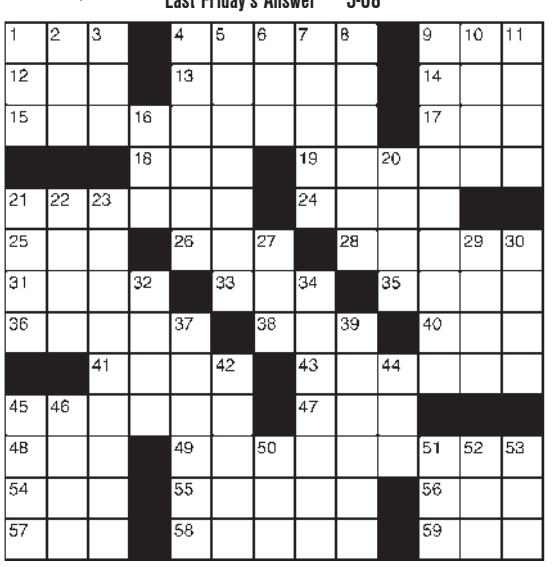
Last Friday's Answer 5-08



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Stephen Amell, 36; Enrique Iglesias, 42; Melissa Gilbert, 53; David Keith, 63.

Happy Birthday: Refuse to let fear and stubbornness cause you to miss out on an opportunity or an experience that can help push you to do something that is long overdue. Rise above any controversy you encounter and look for something positive that will encourage you to expand your knowledge. Take control and make sure you don't let life pass you by. Your numbers are 8, 12, 22, 24, 30, 39, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Being too accommodating will cause you to fall short when taking care of your responsibilities. Finish what's expected of you. Don't jeopardize your health by trying to take on too much or accepting a physical challenge that is beyond your capability. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Monitor your spending and refuse to get involved in situations that are unpredictable or that deal with people who are impulsive or pushy. Make choices that work for you. Giving in to pressure will lead to regret.✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Look over the fine print. Don't feel you have to make a snap decision because someone is putting emotional pressure on you. Move forward with a practical attitude. If you need a challenge, get some exercise or physically help someone you love. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Take it easy. Don't get flustered over things you cannot change. Make a point to align yourself with people who make you feel comfortable. A partnership can be to your advantage if you choose someone who is practical, not impulsive. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* View change as an opportunity to try and do things differently. Alterations made at home or at work may seem daunting at first, but if you look closely, you will discover a way to use the situation to your advantage. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Learn through observation and by listening to people who have expertise in something you want to master. Getting involved in the process of recognizing what you want will lead to success. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* You'll be anxious to bring about the changes that will help to stabilize your personal life. A discussion with someone who makes you feel secure and gives you the encouragement you require to make good decisions will put your mind at ease. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Make subtle personal changes and you will avoid being pressured or having to deal with interference from others. The more secretive you are about what you think and do, the easier it will be to reach your goals. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* What you are willing to do for others will lead to experience and information that will improve your life. Don't let a disgruntled friend or relative make you feel guilty for following your heart and your dreams. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Do your homework. Delays due to last-minute changes will cause frustration. Stay on top of any deals you want to close. Be aware of how older family members feel before you put your plans in motion. Aim for unity. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't let unfinished business slow you down. Take care of your responsibilities quickly and greater opportunities will head your way. Knowing that you have time to take on more will make it easier to field new offers or start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Look at the facts before you make a decision that could have consequences. Don't let anyone bully you into something that will compromise your position or your ability to get ahead. Don't share secrets. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are goal-oriented, persistent and unpredictable. You are smart and articulate.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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8		3					9	5
	1			2		6		
4				7				9
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1	9					3		2
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Difficulty Level ★ 5/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

8	5	1	9	7	3	2	4	6
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5	1	4	3	9	8	7	6	2
3	7	2	5	6	4	1	8	9

Difficulty level ★★★★ 5/08

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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NORTHERN MARIANA HOUSING CORPORATION,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0495
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-v-	:	
The Estate of GREGORIO VILLAGOMEZ DELEON GUERRERO and JACINTA P. GUERRERO	:	

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 13, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: That certain tract or parcel of real property situated in Fina Sisu, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,

Lot H-164-7 A (part of H-164-7), more particularly bounded and described as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 47,750.80 meters North and 50,896.98 meters East on the Mariana Islands Coordinate Systems of 1996;
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Thence South 77° 45' 51" East, 28.000 meters to corner no. 3;
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Durant scores 38 points, Warriors beat Jazz to take 3-0 lead

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The Golden State Warriors gave another big example why they signed Kevin Durant during the offseason, and why others around the NBA were dismayed with the addition.

Durant had 38 points and 13 rebounds and the Warriors beat the Utah Jazz 102-91 on Saturday night to take a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

The Jazz played their best game of the series and kept three All-Stars in relative check, but the former MVP put on a show.

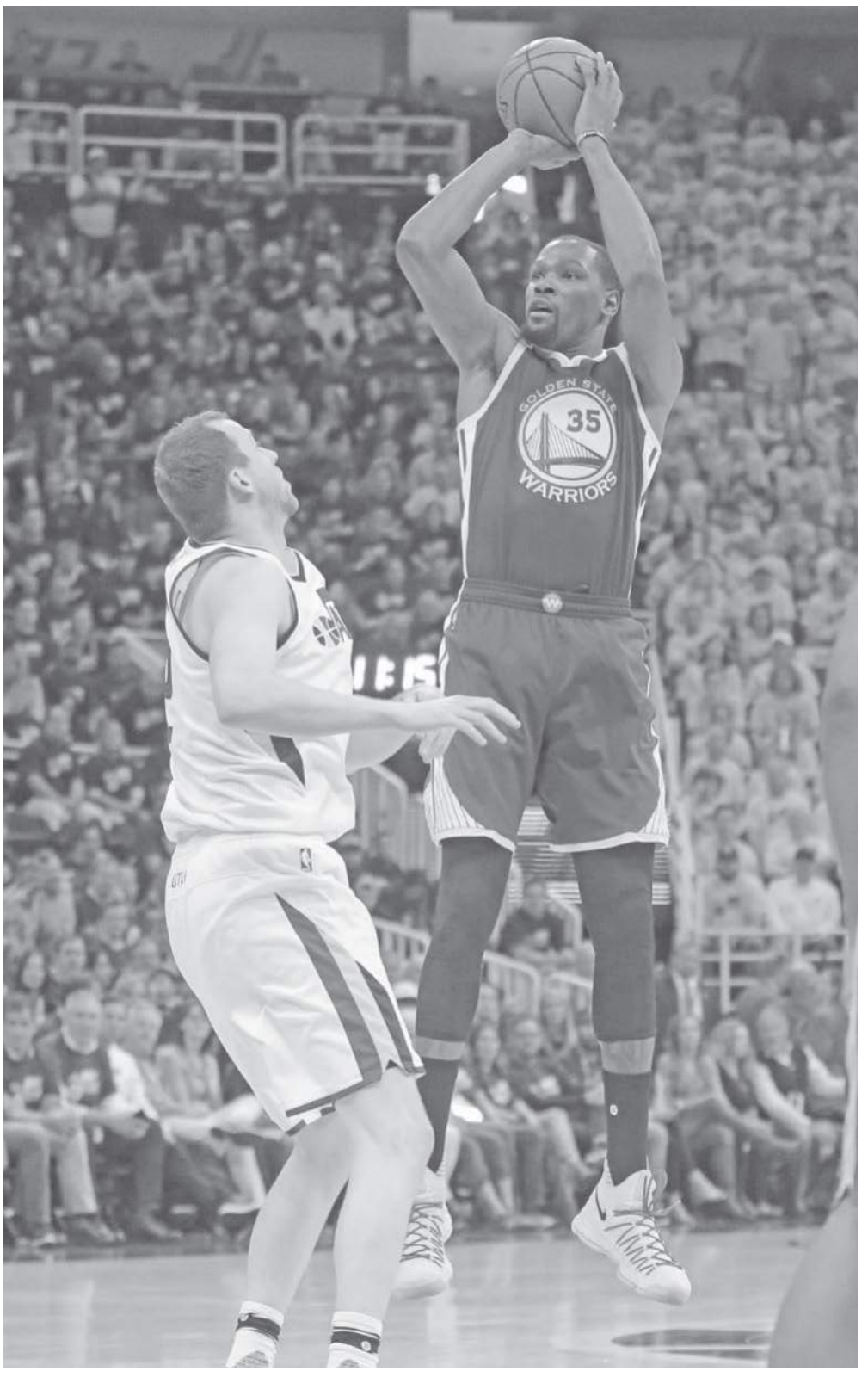
"That's one of the reasons why we welcomed him here," Warriors acting coach Mike Brown said. "It's tough to try to control a guy who's 7 feet that can play out on the perimeter and have the ball. Especially when he's as good as he is in the pick-and-roll game."

Warriors coach Steve Kerr did not travel with the team as he continues to deal with back issues. He was at Duke University on Friday seeing a specialist and owner Joe Lacob told Bloomberg Radio that Ker had a "spinal cord leak" procedure on his back.

Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson were a combined 7 for 29 from the field and 3 for 15 from 3-point range, leaving Durant to lead the Warriors.

The Jazz led 75-74 early in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors went on a 10-4 run and never trailed again. Curry and Durant hit back to back 3ss to give Golden State a 92-84 lead with 3:04 left.

"I'm going to try to say this as humble as I can, but I've been doing this for so long," Durant said, "and every time I get out the bed and we have a game that day, I feel like I can go out there and score. It's the other things that I try to do - defensively, helping my teammates, get them open shots, moving, setting screens.



AP

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) shoots as Utah Jazz forward Joe Ingles, left, defends in the first half during Game 3 of the NBA basketball second-round playoff series Saturday, May 6, 2017, in Salt Lake City.

"Scoring and stuff is not easy, but it's what I do the best. When I try to do the other things ... I feel like it opens up my scoring a little bit more."

Curry finished with 23 points on 6-for-20 shooting.

Gordon Hayward led Utah with 29 points. Rudy Gobert added 21 points and 15 rebounds.

Game 4 is Monday night in Utah.

"Myself and the other 19,000 people in the arena and everybody watching on TV saw the same thing I saw," Curry said. "It's an easy decision to at that moment (to defer to Durant late). Try to set a screen for him and get him to the right spot and, obviously, he does the rest.

"We're smart enough basketball players to know what's going on at that moment and try to make the right decision and let a talented scorer like he is ... let him do what he does."

The Warriors got out to a quick start, again, and led by 10 after the first quarter.

Utah survived the first-half onslaught by Durant, who had 22 points and six rebounds at the break. There wasn't much the Jazz could do to contend a flurry of turnaround fadeaways, drives to the basket and a pair of 3s. Golden State, however, didn't get much help otherwise and Draymond Green dealt with foul trouble.

The Jazz took a 50-49 lead into halftime after closing the second quarter on a 12-5 run highlighted by Rodney Hood's 3-pointer triple that gave the Jazz their first lead of the series at 48-47.

Green picked up a technical arguing from the bench late in the second quarter after being whistled for his third foul of the half. As the crowd roared, he gave a 2-0 hand gesture to indicate the series record.

The Jazz led by nine in the third quarter, but Curry began to warm up and hit his first 3-pointer of the game on a pull-up in transition. Golden State closed the quarter on a 19-8 stretch to take a 72-70 lead.

"You look at two of the best players in the game and you say they made some unbelievable shots that were timely," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "That's why they're who they are."

Hawks' Wilcox out as GM, Budenholzer no longer president

ATLANTA (AP)—The Atlanta Hawks' next general manager will have total authority of personnel decisions following moves on Friday which dismantled the two-tier management team of Mike Budenholzer and Wes Wilcox.

Budenholzer resigned as the Hawks' president of basketball operations and will remain as coach, and Wilcox resigned as general manager and "will become an adviser to ownership."

Budenholzer will remain involved in personnel decisions, but principal owner Tony Ressler stressed the new general manager will be in charge.

"I think we as a franchise need more firepower to get to the next level," Ressler said Friday.

Ressler said he hopes to have a new general manager before the June 22 NBA draft and free agency.

After saying two weeks ago he had confidence in the team's leadership with Budenholzer and Wilcox, Ressler said "it became painfully obvious" changes were needed after meeting with each of the two.

"I thought then and now that Bud is a heck of a basketball coach and Wes has a great basketball mind," Ressler said. "But I also felt after these in-depth discussions with both of them it became quite clear to me that we could be better."

The changes come after the Hawks dipped to 43-39 this season and lost to the Washington Wizards in the opening round of the playoffs.

Budenholzer was promoted to president of basketball operations after a 60-win season in 2014-15, when the Hawks earned the top seed in the East and reached the conference final before getting swept by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The management team of Budenholzer and Wilcox engineered offseason moves which produced questionable results.

The team signed Kent Bazemore to a four-year, $70 million deal and signed center Dwight Howard to a three-year, $70.5 million deal. Point guard Jeff Teague was traded to clear the path for Dennis Schroder at point guard, and longtime center Al Horford signed with Boston as a free agent.

Howard did not play in the fourth quarter of the Hawks' 115-99 Game 6 loss to Washington. It was the second time in six playoff games the center did not play in the fourth quarter.

Two straight seasons of dips in win totals could lead to a more dramatic decline if the team is unable to re-sign free-agent forward Paul Millsap.

Millsap, a four-time All-Star who averaged 18.1 points and 7.7 rebounds, was the top producer on a roster that received disappointing returns from Howard and Bazemore.

Ressler said "I don't think it's fair" to say Budenholzer and Wilcox were forced to resign. He said the two also recognized the need for a change.

Ressler said when he asked Budenholzer and Wilcox how the team can improve, neither "felt we were operating to our best ability as a franchise. I would argue they were recognizing at least as clearly and early as I did, maybe earlier, and it became painfully obvious after discussions with each of them."

Budenholzer acknowledged the 43-win season and first-round exit from the playoffs was disappointing.

"I think we thought we had a team that could compete with anybody in the league," Budenholzer said Saturday. "I think when you look at the record from the regular season and then not advancing from this round, I think we all thought we had greater potential."

Wizards' Oubre suspended for Game 4 for knocking over Olynyk

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wizards forward Kelly Oubre Jr. was suspended for Game 4 against the Boston Celtics after charging and knocking over Kelly Olynyk in Game 3.

The NBA on Saturday announced Oubre's suspension without pay for "charging and making forceful and unwarranted contact." Game 4 is Sunday evening in Washington.

Oubre called the suspension a consequence of his actions.

"I'm not surprised," Oubre said after practice Saturday. "The league has to do what they have to do. They have to handle that situation."

Oubre's outburst in the second quarter of Game 3 on Thursday resulted in a flagrant 2 foul and an ejection. Olynyk knocked him to the ground on an illegal screen, and Oubre leapt to his feet, sprinted at him and bowled him over.

The 21-year-old said he apologized to referee Monty McCutchen, who was talking to Olynyk at the time of the incident. Oubre said he did not reach out to apologize to Olynyk.

Washington coach Scott Brooks said he respects the league's decision and figured a suspension could be coming. Now he must decide how to approach Game 4 as his team trails Boston 2-1 in the second-round series.

"We've had a next man up mentality all year," Brooks said. "We've got options, we can move some people around. But not having him, it's not ideal, but it is what it is. You just go forward and play the game. You can't worry about who's not playing."

Brooks could find more minutes for Bojan Bogdanovic after the sharp-shooting forward scored 19 points in the Wizards' 116-89 victory in Game 3. Or he could plug another player into the rotation like Jason Smith.

"I'm looking at all options—maybe give some extra minutes, maybe add another guy, maybe change some spots on the floor with different players playing different positions," Brooks said. "Those are all on the table right now."

Castro helps Yankees to 11-6 win over Cubs

AP
New York Yankees' Starlin Castro hits a two-run home run against the Chicago Cubs during the fourth inning of an interleague baseball game, Saturday, May 6, 2017 in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)—Aaron Hicks tied a career high with four hits and Starlin Castro homered and drove in three runs against his former team as the New York Yankees pounded Brett Anderson and the Chicago Cubs 11-6 in Major League Baseball on Saturday.

Hicks connected for a three-run homer in the eighth inning as the AL East leaders earned their fourth straight win, extending their surprising start. Jordan Montgomery (2-1) pitched into the seventh for his first road win in his fifth major league start.

Castro, a three-time All-Star with the Cubs before he was traded to the Yankees in December 2015, hit an RBI double in New York's five-run first. He drove a 3-1 pitch from reliever Felix Pena deep into the bleachers in left for a two-run shot in the fourth, giving the Yankees an 8-0 lead.

Anderson (2-2) allowed hits to six of his first seven batters before he was pulled with one out in the first with lower back tightness. He also committed a throwing error that brought in a run.

Nationals 6, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Ryan Zimmerman homered, drove in three runs and led Washington over Philadelphia.

A.J. Cole (1-0) allowed a run over six innings in his first start of the season and helped the Nationals win their fourth straight game.

The Nationals lead the majors with a 21-9 record and won the last two games without 2015 National League Most Valuable Player Bryce Harper. Harper strained his left groin on Thursday and could return to the lineup Sunday.

Zimmerman's 13th homer of the season gave the Nationals a 2-1 lead and gave him a 13-game hitting streak. Anthony Rendon hit a three-run homer off Phillies starter Vince Velasquez (2-3) in the sixth.

Indians 3, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Missouri, Carlos Santana and Francisco Lindor hit back-to-back home runs with two outs in the ninth inning to lift Cleveland over Kansas City.

Kelvin Herrera (1-1) gave up the home runs in a span of three pitches. Santana took a 2-0 pitch out to right-center. Lindor hit his eighth, which landed in the Indians' bullpen.

Andrew Miller (2-0) picked up the victory, while Cody Allen earned his eighth save in as many opportunities.

The Royals led 1-0 going into the eighth, but the bullpen could not hold it. Joakim Soria, the third Kansas City pitcher, gave up three hits and the tying run in the eighth for his second blown save. Jason Kipnis' two-out single scored Michael Brantley.

Pirates 2, Brewers 1, 10 innings

In Pittsburgh, Josh Harrison singled home Gift Ngoepe with one out in the 10th inning to lift Pittsburgh over Milwaukee.

Ngoepe led off the inning with a single against Carlos Torres (1-3), advanced to second on a wild pitch and took third on pinch-hitter Jose Osuna's fly ball. Harrison drove a ball over the head of right fielder Domingo Santana for his seventh career walk-off hit.

Tony Watson (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the Pirates.

Pittsburgh's Gerrit Cole and Milwaukee's Matt Garza each allowed a run over seven innings.

Dodgers 10, Padres 2

In San Diego, Clayton Kershaw pitched into the eighth inning, rookie Cody Bellinger hit a grand slam and drove in five runs and Los Angeles beat San Diego.

Kershaw (5-2) allowed a run and five hits over 7 1/3 innings, striking out nine and walking four.

Ryan Schimpf had a pinch-homer in the eighth off Kershaw.

Clayton Richard (2-4) gave up five runs and seven hits while striking out five with a career high-tying six walks.

Mets 11, Marlins 3

In New York, Asdrubal Cabrera doubled to spark a five-run first inning against fill-in starter Odrisamer Despaigne (0-1), then joined New York's long injury list when he hurt his left thumb and was forced to leave a rout of Miami.

Jay Bruce drove in three runs with a pair of doubles, and Michael Conforto forced home runs with a pair of bases-loaded walks as the Mets won for the sixth time in eight games.

Miami has lost nine of 11.

A sloppy evening included a 39-minute rain delay after Cabrera landed on his thumb diving for Marcell Ozuna's ground single through the shortstop hole in the third inning.

Robert Gsellman (2-2) gave up three runs and eight hits in five innings for New York.

Orioles 6, White Sox 5

In Baltimore, Dylan Bundy pitched six effective innings to earn his fourth straight victory, Trey Mancini homered and drove in three runs and Baltimore beat Chicago.

Manny Machado hit his team-leading eighth home run for the Orioles, who will seek to complete a three-game sweep on Sunday.

Bundy (5-1) allowed three runs and six hits, walking one and striking out three.

Mychal Givens surrendered a two-run homer to Jose Abreu in the eighth before Darren O'Day worked the ninth for his second save. The Orioles are without a clear-cut closer after lefty Zach Britton was placed on the disabled list for a second time Saturday with a strained left forearm.

Still seeking his first major league victory, Chicago rookie Dylan Covey (0-3) gave up six runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings.

Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 1

In Denver, Tyler Anderson matched a career high with 10 strikeouts, Mark Reynolds homered for the second consecutive game and Colorado routed Arizona.

Nolan Arenado also went deep and Charlie Blackmon added three hits for the Rockies, including a double and a run-scoring triple as the surprising NL West leaders moved 1 1/2 games ahead of Arizona.

Anderson (2-3) pitched out of early trouble and went six innings. He punctuated his outing by striking out six of his last seven batters.

Patrick Corbin (2-4), who entered with five straight quality starts, allowed a season-high eight runs and nine hits in four-plus innings.

Reds 14, Giants 2

In Cincinnati, Adam Duvall, Patrick Kivlehan and Eugenio Suarez each hit a solo home run in the first three innings, and Cincinnati set a season high in runs for the second straight game with a rout of San Francisco.

Nine players drove in at least one run for the Reds, who got 18 hits and have scored 27 runs over a two-game span for the first time since May 2010 against Houston. Nine of Cincinnati's 18 hits went for extra bases.

Reds rookie left-hander Amir Garrett (3-2) turned in his fifth start of six or more innings in six appearances.

Left-hander Ty Blach (0-2) became the first Giants pitcher to allow as many as 10 runs in one game since the San Diego Padres scored 10 in 5 1/3 innings against Jamey Wright during a 10-4 win at San Francisco on May 1, 2006.

Mariners 8, Rangers 2

In Seattle, Danny Valencia drove in two during Seattle's seven-run seventh inning and the Mariners beat Texas.

The Mariners sent 11 batters to the plate during their biggest inning of the season, getting five hits, a walk and a hit by pitch. Valencia's single came off reliever Dario Alvarez, who then allowed an RBI double to Taylor Motter and a two-run single to Ben Gamel. The inning started with Gamel's single off Martin Perez (1-5).

James Pazos (1-1) worked one inning in relief following rookie starter Chase DeJong for Seattle.

Red Sox 11, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Rick Porcello pitched seven sharp innings and got some rare run support for his first victory since opening day, and Chris Young homered twice to lead Boston over Minnesota.

After equaling last season's loss total in less than a month, the reigning American League Cy Young Award winner finally got to pitch with a lead again when Boston took advantage of a costly Minnesota error and scored eight two-out runs in the second.

Porcello (2-4) cruised the rest of the way, allowing only Robbie Grossman's homer in the third.

Nick Tepesch (0-1) gave up seven runs — six unearned — in his first major league appearance since last June, and his second since the 2014 season.

Athletics 6, Tigers 5

In Oakland, California, Adam Rosales hit a two-run single off closer Francisco Rodriguez with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Oakland over Detroit.

Rodriguez (1-3) retired the first two batters before walking Bruce Maxwell. After Matt Joyce doubled, Rosales lined the first pitch he saw into left field. Maxwell scored easily and Joyce slid into home plate to beat the throw from Justin Upton.

Yonder Alonso homered twice, Ryon Healy also went deep and Frankie Montas (1-0) retired three batters for his first major league win for the A's.

Angels 2, Astros 1

In Anaheim, California, Andrelton Simmons singled in a run with one out in the ninth inning, helping Los Angeles break a three-game losing streak.

Bud Norris (1-1) picked up the win in relief, while Chris Devenski (2-2) took the loss.

Kole Calhoun walked to lead off the ninth, and Albert Pujols hit a single into short left field to send Calhoun to third with no outs. After Luis Valbuena struck out, Simmons hit a chopper to shortstop Carlos Correa, and Calhoun easily crossed home plate before the throw.

Cardinals 5, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Mike Leake won his fourth straight decision, Matt Carpenter and Matt Adams homered and St. Louis beat Atlanta.

Leake (4-1) allowed three hits, three runs, two walks and struck out two in seven innings. Cardinals closer Seung Hwan Oh earned his seventh save in eighth opportunities

Braves ace Julio Teheran (2-3) gave up nine hits, four runs, two walks and struck out three in five innings.

Rays 6, Blue Jays 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Logan Morrison and Colby Rasmus hit two-run homers and Jake Odorizzi pitched seven strong innings for Tampa Bay in a victory over Toronto.

Odorizzi (2-1) gave up a run in seven innings, the seventh straight time the right-hander has given up two runs or fewer in starts against Toronto. Marco Estrada (1-2) gave up five earned runs in six innings.

Mud in your eye: Always Dreaming wins Kentucky Derby in slop

AP
John Velazquez rides Always Dreaming to victory in the 143rd running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs Saturday, May 6, 2017, in Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A trainer and jockey accustomed to success. A headstrong horse with a mind of its own. Together, they harnessed their collective talents to win the Kentucky Derby.

Always Dreaming splashed through the slop for a 2 3/4-length victory Saturday, giving Todd Pletcher and rider John Velazquez their second victories in the race but their first together.

The New York-based duo has teamed up often over the years and is the sport's leading money winners. On their own, they were a combined 2 for 63 coming into America's greatest race.

Joining forces, they were unbeatable on a cool and rainy day at Churchill Downs.

"We have had a great relationship for a long time now, and we have won a lot of races together," Pletcher said. "This is the one we wanted to win together."

Sent off at 9-2 odds, Always Dreaming made it the fifth straight year that a Derby favorite has won, equaling the longest stretch since 1892-1896.

He was followed across the finish line by a pair of long shots: 33-1 Lookin At Lee and 40-1 Battle of Midway.

Always Dreaming ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:03.59 on the first off-track since Orb won in 2013. He paid $11.40, $7.20 and $5.80.

"This is the best horse Todd and I have ever come to the Kentucky Derby with," Velazquez said. "Being behind me for 24 years together, a long time for him to still trust in me and give me the opportunity, it's not very often it happens in this business."

Lookin At Lee returned $26.60 and $18.20, while Battle of Midway was another five lengths back in third and paid $20.80 to show.

Pletcher won his first Derby in 2010 with Super Saver; Velazquez won the following year with Animal Kingdom.

Rarely one to show his emotions, Pletcher admitted being teary-eyed behind his sunglasses.

Going into his 17th Derby, Pletcher saddled the post-time favorite for the first time. Much had been made of his 1 for 45 Derby record.

"It's becoming a little more respectable now," said Pletcher, whose 48 starters tied D. Wayne Lukas for the most in Derby history. "It felt like I really needed that second one."

Velazquez used his colt's speed out of the gate to get good position early in a chaotic start that saw several horses, including McCraken and Classic Empire, banged around. He steered Always Dreaming into an ideal trip behind pacesetter State of Honor, with mud flying in all directions on a surface that resembled creamy peanut butter.

"We got wiped out at the start. McCraken came and nearly knocked us," said Mark Casse, who trains Classic Empire. "The track is impossible."

On the final turn, Always Dreaming took command as State of Honor faded. Despite chasing a quick early pace, Always Dreaming was still full of run. No other horses threatened him down the stretch and Velazquez furiously pumped his right arm as they crossed the finish line.

"I got a good position with him early and then he relaxed," Velazquez said. "When we hit the quarter pole, I asked him and he responded. He did it himself from there."

Pletcher had his hands full in the days leading up to the Derby when the colt's behavior was less than a dream.

He was fractious in the morning, refusing to relax.

"I was nervous watching him gallop," the trainer said.

Turns out the dark brown colt knew best.

He channeled his aggression into a determined effort on a track turned into goo by on and off rain before the race.

"I think he really came in here and knew it was game time, and he was ready to go," Pletcher said. "The most important thing to do is bring the best horse to the Derby, and that's what we were able to do."

Always Dreaming earned his fourth straight victory, proving that his five-length win in the Florida Derby was no fluke.

By winning the Derby, he accomplished something his sire Bodemeister couldn't do. Bodemeister finished second in the 2012 race.

The victory was worth $1,635,800.

Always Dreaming's primary ownership is comprised of Brooklyn Boyz Stables and Teresa Viola, whose Brooklyn-born husband Vincent owns the NHL's Florida Panthers.

"There's no feeling like this," Vincent Viola said.

Classic Empire finished fourth, followed by Practical Joke, Tapwrit, Gunnevera, McCraken, Gormley and Irish War Cry. Hence was 11th, followed by Untrapped, Girvin, one-eyed Patch, J Boys Echo, Sonneteer, Fast And Accurate, Irap, and State of Honor.

Pletcher also trains Tapwrit and Patch.

Thunder Snow, the Dubai-based entry, didn't finish. He broke poorly out of the starting gate and began bucking. He was caught by the outrider and walked back to the barn on his own.

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swimmer Nanaka Watanabe made on May 30, 2015.

Maria raced in the 50m butterfly against four other Tsunami Saipan bets and was the lone swimmer to complete the one lap event under one minute as runner-up Nagisa Litulumar checked in at 1:10.84.

Sakura Hara, Fiona Regan, and Arwen Bartolata timed in at 1:12.82, 1:20.79, and 1:36.09, respectively.

Meanwhile, three other Tsunami Saipan swimmers also recorded age group marks during last month's meet named after SSC founders Bill and Jean Sakovich.

In the 9 to 10 division's 200m backstroke event, Ashley Dangol timed in at 2:44.86, surpassing by nearly five seconds the old record of former Tsunami Saipan swimmer Miku Tammy, who clocked in the 2:49.27 on Jan. 13, 2013. Dangol's latest mark was her sixth entry in the CNMI record book (in the 9 to 19 division), as she also had similar feats in the 50m and 100m backstroke and 50m, 100m, and 200m butterfly events during the 2017 SSC International Meet held in March.

In the same group, but in the boys category, Isaiah Aleksenko completed the 200m backstroke in 2:50.37 to top the 2:50.95 set by Kaito Yanai of Tsunami Saipan on April 9, 2010. Aleksenko now holds nine of the 15 marks in the boys 9 to 10 age groups with his other records made in the 50m, 100m, and 200m freestyle, 50m, 100m, 200m butterfly, and 50m and 100m backstroke.

In the boys 11 to 12, Juhn Tenorio eclipsed the oldest mark in the age group after clocking in at 31.71 seconds in the 50m butterfly. The Tsunami Saipan swimmer shattered the 31.79 seconds SSC's Joshua Taitaino tallied on May 6, 1994.

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action in the Mediterranée Avenir and others in the Top 400 rankings.

"My first time playing a tournament in a clay court made me feel more confident for my next tournament. I wish to get to Round 3 or in quarterfinals. Grade 3 in clay court still has a lot of good players, but I want to get as many points as I could and not to waste this opportunity," Lee said.

The CNMI player has 120 singles points and 65 in doubles for a combined 136.25 points. She has been in Morroco since last month and training at the ITF/CAT Training Centre in Casablanca.

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contention for the pennant. The Braves scored three runs earlier before Celis' over-the-fence homer in the pivotal inning.

The Braves, who were behind by three, 7-10, going into the bottom of the fifth, got their first run in that frame from relief pitcher and leadoff batter Tristan Norita off the Falcons' errors. The second run was made by Andrei Iguel, who was driven home by Joel Boja's single. Taisei Desebel was next at bat and was beaten to first, while Heath Camacho doubled and brought home Borja to tie the match, 10-all. Camacho also reached after Aguon singled. Aguon went on to move to second off a wild throw and then to third off a passed ball, while Joey Sharry singled. With runners on third and first, Tomokane stepped onto the plate and was called with two quick strikeouts and a walk before hitting a short shot with the ball rolling and dropping just a few steps away from Braves first baseman Sablan. Sablan then stepped on the base to beat Tomokane for the third and final out and the Braves' ninth win.

Camacho and Borja scored three runs apiece in the Braves' close victory with the former adding two RBIs off his 3-for-3 performance at the plate. Celis, who made a grand slam in their important triumph over the Little Legals last Thursday, was only 2-for-4 at bat, but tallied three RBIs and two runs. Norita and Iguel also chipped in two runs each.

Keoni Serrano had three runs on a losing effort for the Falcons, while C.J. Gonzales contributed one run and three RBIs. Gonzales' three-run triple at the top of the fourth allowed the Falcons to take an 8-3 advantage after three and a half innings. However, the Falcons failed to keep the upper had as the Braves proved to be steadier at bat in the last two innings to steal the win. Camacho, Sablan, and Celis each went 2-for-2 for the Braves in the last two innings and combined for six RBIs.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	9	.679	—
Baltimore	19	10	.655	½
Boston	16	14	.533	4
Tampa Bay	16	16	.500	5
Toronto	10	20	.333	10

Central Division

Cleveland	16	13	.552	—
Minnesota	15	13	.536	½
Chicago	15	14	.517	1
Detroit	15	14	.517	1
Kansas City	10	19	.345	6

West Division

Houston	20	11	.645	—
Los Angeles	16	16	.500	4½
Seattle	14	17	.452	6
Oakland	13	17	.433	6½
Texas	13	18	.419	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	21	9	.700	—
New York	14	15	.483	6½
Philadelphia	12	17	.414	8½
Miami	12	17	.414	8½
Atlanta	11	17	.393	9

Central Division

Cincinnati	16	14	.533	—
Chicago	16	14	.533	—
St. Louis	15	14	.517	½
Milwaukee	15	16	.484	1½
Pittsburgh	14	16	.467	2

West Division

Colorado	19	12	.613	—
Arizona	18	14	.563	1½
Los Angeles	17	14	.548	2
San Diego	12	20	.375	7½
San Francisco	11	20	.355	8

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2017 Dove Women's Spring League

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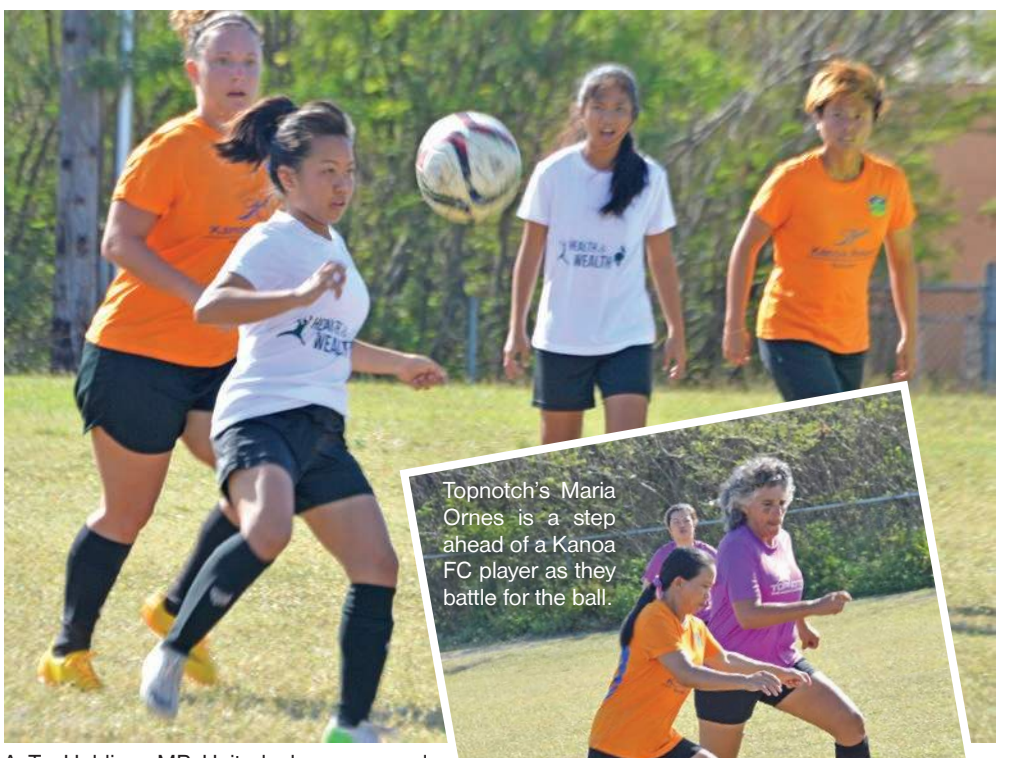
A Kagman High School player, left, stops the ball, while a Kanoa FC player steps in for defense during their Division B game in the 2017 Dove Women's Spring League at the Chacha Oceanview Middle School Field.

Kanoa FC, left, and MP United players go for a header during their Masters division match.

An MP United player, right, beats a Kagman player to the ball during their Division B match.

A Kanoa FC player is surrounded by TanHoldings-MP United defenders during their Division A tiff.



A TanHoldings-MP United player, second left, receives a pass from her teammate.

Topnotch's Maria Ornes is a step ahead of a Kanoa FC player as they battle for the ball.

Kanoa FC, left, and Topnotch players fight for possession.

MP United FC and Topnotch players are bunch up in the penalty box.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Carol Lee is in Morocco and will be playing in the ITF/CAT North African Circuit at the Oceanic Club Casablancais in Casablance, starting on Monday.

Lee wins debut in clay court in Morocco

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CNMI junior player Carol Lee had a winning debut in clay court after topping her first round foe in the 2017 Mediterranée Avenir last week at the Club Olympique Casablanca Tennis Centre in Casablanca, Morocco.

Lee was pitted against the host country's Zainab Bendahhou in the opening round of the Grade 1 tournament and swept her opponent, 6-2, 6-1, to arrange a second round duel against the No. 15 ranked Clara Burel of France.

The world No. 100 Burel then defeated the No. 353 Lee in the first set, 6-3, but failed to finish the job early when the CNMI fought back in the second with a 6-2 victory. Burel eventually eliminated Lee after posting a 6-1 triumph in the deciding third set.

Despite getting the early boot, the 15-year-old Lee was not that disappointed with her performance.

"My second round game against a Top 100 player from France was not so bad. I went three sets against her and I'm proud that I competed well, especially in the second set," Lee said.

"I saw a lot of good players playing like pros in this Grade 1 tournament. There are a lot of high-level competitors and challengers. The players are mostly from the Europe side, so I get to watch how Europeans play," the CNMI player added.

No. 13 Yasmine Mansouri of France ruled the girls singles competition in the 48-player field after pulling off an upset over No. 3 Elysia Bolton of the U.S., 7-5, 6-1.

Meanwhile, after getting the feel of playing in clay court, Lee is much at ease in her second tournament in Morocco—the ITF/CAT North African Circuit.

The Grade 3 competition will start today and runs until Saturday at the Oceanic Club Casablancais.

Lee is in the main draw of the 32-player field, which will also feature majority of the players that saw

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Braves frustrate Falcons, 12-10

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The race for the pennant in the Major division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball is still open following the Braves' 12-10 victory over the Falcons last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

With the win, the Braves improved to a 9-2 record and another triumph in their last game (versus the Twins) this weekend would put the team in a tie for first place with the Falcons, who are done for the regular season with their 10-2 card. Had the Falcons won, they would have sealed the pennant championship and ended the Braves' hopes. A Braves and Falcons' deadlock at the end of the regular season will force organizer to hold a playoff game for the pennant.

Patrick Celis blasted a two-run homer at the bottom of the fifth inning to lift the Braves to the important win and keep the squad in

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Tristan Norita hurls for the Braves during the top of the fifth inning of their game against the Falcons in the Major division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Batallones siblings set swim marks, get NMSA nod

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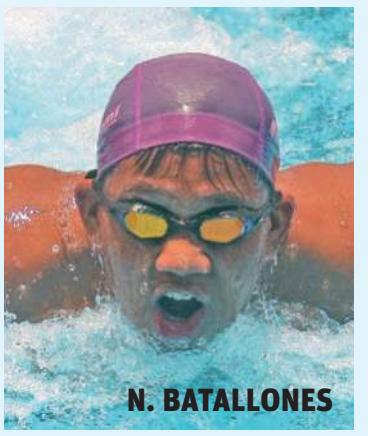

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Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center's Nelson and Maria Batallones earned the Tan Siu Lin Foundation/NMSA Male and Female Student Athletes of the Month (for April) award after registering age group marks during the 2017 Sak SSC Spring Meet held late last month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Nelson crushed a more than two-decade old record in the boys 13 to 14 age group after timing in at 2:33.66 in the 200m butterfly event. He surpassed the 2:34.65 David Palacios of Saipan Swim Club logged on May 8, 1994 to make it to the CNMI record books for the first time, joining the elite company of Dean Palacios, Kaito Yanai, Kensuke Kimura, and Kai Staal. Nelson posted the fastest time among the swimmers who did the 200m butterfly event last month as his teammate Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero and SSC's David Boyer logged 2:55.28 and 2:40.90, respectively.

Also getting her first age group mark was the 8-year-old Maria, whose 48.71 seconds in the 50m breaststroke beat the 49.27 seconds her fellow Tsunami Saipan

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